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## \$300,000 Loan Order for New Police Signals

### Mayor Acts Quickly in Conference with Hultman—New System to Include Radio

Installation of a new police signal system for Boston, including a radio system to expedite the detection of criminals for which there has been much recent agitation, is provided for in a loan order for \$300,000 submitted to the City Council today by Mayor Curley. The mayor's action followed a long conference with Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman and heads of other city departments, during which the police head defended successfully his system of flicker lights for calling policemen to patrol boxes.

The decision to provide for an entirely new system with a loan order came about suddenly and at the vigorous suggestion of City Auditor Rupert Carven, one of the conferees, who held that, as the improvement would be a permanent one, it should be taken care of by loan rather than direct appropriation, which would mean an addition to the tax rate.

Mayor Curley called the conference with the original expectation that the radio broadcasting system could be handled by the signal system of the fire department, already equipped to broadcast messages, limited at present to the fire boats. The fire department, as represented at the conference by Commissioner Edward F. McLaughlin and Superintendent George L. Pickett of the department's signal system, was hesitantly agreeable to taking over the police broadcast work, though pointing out some technical difficulties. Commissioner Hultman, however, emphatically opposed the suggestion that the messages of his department be relayed through the fire department radio apparatus. His most emphatic opposition to the plan, however, was based in the fact that the present cables of the police signal system, placed as far back as 1888, are entirely inadequate and should be replaced as a necessary part of a general system to be brought into proper co-ordination, including a radio system.

Hultman admitted that it was conceivable that a radio system could be established along the lines advocated by Mayor Curley, but insisted that it would be a better monument both to the mayor's administration and to his own as police commissioner if needed permanent improvements, co-ordinating the radio with the general signal system, were established and that the entire job be done at once. The condition of the existing cables and the obvious necessity of replacing them made an immediate impression on the mayor and he brought the conference, which had been marked with sharp exchanges here and there between the mayor and the commissioner to a quick conclusion by the decision to send in the loan order to the City Council, already prepared to discuss various moves designed to force the police commissioner to install a radio system.

## MAYOR AIDS RELIEF FUND DRIVE



Mayor Curley presenting his check for \$500 to Mrs. Barrett Wendell, chairman of the Women's Division of the Emergency Relief Campaign, at City Hall this morning.

In the course of the exchanges the question of the flicker light system was referred to in a more or less light vein by the mayor, but Hultman defended this system as an invention of the Boston department, which, he said, is proving meritorious to such an extent that he is looking forward to completing its installation, now only partly in effect.

In gist, the result of the conference is about a fifty-fifty victory each for the mayor and the police commissioner—the former carrying his point in behalf of the radio system, and the commissioner bringing about quicker action than he may have expected in obtaining new cables for his signal system. Incidentally the flicker system, at which critics of the police department have scoffed, will ride along to completion.

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## POLICE RADIO TO COST \$300,000

### Mayor Says He Will Ask Council for Sum

At the conclusion of a conference this noon with Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman and Fire Commissioner Edward McLaughlin, Mayor James M. Curley announced that he will send an order to the City Council asking for immediate appropriation of \$300,000 to instal complete radio signal equipment for the city's police force.

Commissioner Hultman's plans call for three synchronized police broadcasting stations in different sections of the city in order to over certain "dead spots" that had been discovered in reception tests. The three transmitters are to be connected with Police Headquarters and will all broadcast on the same wavelength and from the same microphone.

In order to obtain the fullest advantage out of the radio, Commissioner Hultman's plans call for installation of new cables to all existing police patrol boxes making it possible for any officer on his beat to get directly in touch with the radio room at Police Headquarters.

This feature would make it possible for an alarm to be spread within a few seconds after the patrolman on his beat reached the nearest police box. Under existing arrangements, the boxes are hooked up only with the station in whose division the box is located. A report would have to be relayed to headquarters, causing a delay which in some cases might make the difference between success or failure in the apprehension of criminals.

Mayor Curley, during the long meeting with the two commissioners, sought some method of cutting down the amount of the appropriation, declaring that although he recognized the necessity for a police radio system, he did not like to spend so much money.

Commissioner Hultman argued, however, that if his Police Department was to have radio installed, it should have the most efficient system practicable. He explained that experts at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology had advised him in preparation of the plan for bringing the Boston police the advantages of a radio system.

## HIS \$500 SWELLS AID FUND



MAYOR CURLEY

MRS. WENDELL

Mayor Curley presenting a check for \$500 to Mrs. Barrett Wendell, chairman of the women's division of the Emergency Relief Campaign, as his contribution to the fund. (Boston American photo.)

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### THAT CITY PROBE

To the Editor of the Post:

Sir—I want to express my sincere desire that youthful students of government in our schools and colleges, together with their instructors, observe the lesson in practical politics now being demonstrated so vividly in Massachusetts.

Ten thousand citizens incorporated as "The Massachusetts Real Estate Owners Association" petitioned in accordance with their constitutional right for a legislative investigation of the expenditure by City of Boston officials of their tax money.

This petition will, of course, be granted. Postponement, temporary rejection, clever counter accusations and threats will but serve, ultimately, to increase the demand that it be granted.

How can any Senator or Representative deny there is graft in Boston and that truth granted, how can they smirch their own public records by protecting this graft from exposure?

Corporation Counsel Silverman, with two other attorneys, all receiving their salaries from Boston's tax-payers, monstrous to relate, appeared in opposition to permitting the tax-payers to know where their money goes.

During his speech he referred to the proponents as "the gutter crowd," a characterization that needs mention now and later may be worthy of comment.

He characterized Mrs. Hannah Connors, a widowed mother of four children, as a spreader of treason and anarchy. Now I want it published that I am endorsing her stand and applauding her service and in the words of Patrick Henry "if that be treason make the most of it."

TOM NILAND

202 Byron St., East Boston.



# Curley O Ks Hultman Demand for \$300,000 Signal System

## Gives in After Heated Parley at City Hall

After a heated conference at City Hall today, Mayor Curley capitulated to Police Commissioner Hultman and sent an order to the city council for a \$300,000 appropriation for the establishment of a new police communication system to include three radio broadcasting stations.

### READY IN SIX MONTHS

The new system, scheduled to be completed within six months, will entirely revise the communications of the police department. Every patrol box will be in direct contact with police headquarters, and there will be three synchronized radio stations in radio stations in widely separated spots not yet selected.

Agreement on the new system came after Hultman refused to consider an offer of some \$50,000 for police communications, and virtually ridiculed a proposal that the fire department radio equipment be used for police work.

Before Hultman arrived at City Hall, Mayor Curley conferred with Fire Commissioner McLaughlin and Supt. Fickett of the fire alarm division as to the availability of fire department radio equipment for use by the police department.

He was told that the fire department broadcasting station, which is authorized to use 100 watts, uses only half its power to contact fire boats, and only uses that rarely. McLaughlin declared he could see no reason why the full power should not be available for use by the police department.

### HULTMAN OBJECTS

When this suggestion was made to the police commissioner by Mayor Curley, however, Hultman refused to believe that the mayor was serious in his proposal.

Hultman declared that he did not wish his department to be connected with the fire department, whereupon McLaughlin hotly retorted that the fire department did not wish any such contact.

Hultman stated that the police department needed a radio broadcasting station authorized to use 500 watts. He said the \$250,000 would be necessary for a short wave radio and the new police communication system.

At first Mayor Curley refused to consider this, indicating that from \$50,000 to \$60,000 would be the most that he would approve for police communications. Later, however, he sent an order for \$300,000 to the city council.

## James Roosevelt Denies Profiting In Business Transaction with Boston

James Roosevelt of Cambridge, son of the President-elect, yesterday denied he ever has profited in business transactions of any description with the city of Boston as was implied last week at the hearing before the legislative committee on rules on the petition for an investigation of the financial operations of Mayor Curley's administration.

In a communication sent to Senator Erland P. Fish of Brookline, chairman of the rules committee, Mr. Roosevelt asked that the record of the hearing carry some indication of his alleged connection with the Curley administration in his capacity as an agent for an insurance company writing bonds for public works projects.

At Friday's session before the rules committee Samuel Silverman, corporation counsel for the city of Boston, was quoted as stating that he had seen a letter written by Mrs. Hannah M. Connors, one of the petitioners for the investigation, containing the allegation that he had received commissions on insurance from the present administration.

The Roosevelt letter follows:

It has been drawn to my attention that at a hearing on Friday, Feb. 10, on Senator Parkman's bill to investigate the affairs of the city of Boston, reference was made to

a letter written by Mrs. Hannah M. Connors stating that I had received commissions on insurance given me by the present mayor of Boston.

In order that the record may be correct, may I state to you and through you to the rules committee that never at any time have I received one cent of commission for insurance or any other business from either the mayor or the city of Boston.

No definite time has been set for the calling of an executive session at which the evidence now before the committee may be considered because Speaker Leverett Saltonstall of the House was in New York over the week-end.

President Fish and Speaker Saltonstall, on whom will be placed the real responsibility for reporting for or against the requested investigation, have maintained rigid silence since the issue first came before the Legislature.

Informal discussions with various members of the committee, however, have indicated that there will be dissenters from the report, regardless of its content. If the report is against conducting an investigation Representative Leo M. Birmingham of Brighton will dissent. If it recommends an investigation Senator Joseph Finnegan of Boston will dissent.

Globe

## SNOW WORKERS PAID \$3.20 A DAY, THEY SAY

### Group to Visit City Hall Today With Complaint

Claiming to have been paid at the rate of \$3.20 for an eight-hour day after having been hired on the understanding that they would receive \$5 a day, a group of unemployed men who assisted in removing snow from Boston streets yesterday will call on Mayor Curley at City Hall today to state their grievances.

The delegation will be headed by David S. Sheehan, president of the Tammany Club of Dorchester, who said he had received many complaints from men who had been paid only 40 cents an hour.

Mayor Curley last night said the men should have been paid at the rate of \$5 a day and any complaint made to him will be investigated and adjusted. He said the arrangement has

been that, whether the extra men are hired by the city itself or through contractors, they are to be paid \$5 for an eight-hour day.

He said similar incidents have occurred in other years and have always been adjusted. Contractors are engaged to aid in the snow removal, he said, and every once in a while some contractor, or foreman, will take advantage of the situation. Any complaint to either the Commissioner of Public Works or the Mayor is adjusted, he said.

Pres Sheehan said that 47 young men from the Tammany Club and a dozen others were hired by a contractor, placed on a truck on Boston st, Dorchester, and taken to City sq, Charlestown, to work.

During the morning hours the men questioned the foreman about the rate of pay, saying they understood they were to get \$5 for the day. The foreman said he didn't know what they were to get, but they later learned they were only being paid 40 cents an hour. At noon they threatened to quit after four hours' work and were told, according to Sheehan, to "go ahead and quit."

The men did quit, according to Sheehan, and were given only \$1.60 each. Mr Sheehan said that two men were discharged because they entered a restaurant to buy a cup of coffee,

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## CURLEY GIVES \$500 TO FUND

Wishes It Were \$500,000,  
Mayor Tells Mrs.  
Wendell

"I wish it were \$500,000," Mayor Curley said this afternoon as he gave \$500 to the Boston emergency relief campaign.

The mayor was most cordial when Mrs. Barrett Wendell, chairman of the women's committee, called at his office at city hall, explained the nature of the campaign and asked for a subscription.

### TELLS OF MISERY

Mrs. Wendell pointed out the extreme need of the drive and spoke briefly of the many cases of desperate misery and suffering in the city. She said the campaign must succeed or thousands would suffer from lack of proper physical, medical and mental care.

The mayor in reply said he understood the need and was doing everything possible to help.

Mayor Curley had previously gone out and actively canvassed sections of the North end in aid of the campaign.

The mayor's contribution in addition to others received at campaign headquarters today brought the total for the drive to \$2,233,868.73.

Meanwhile, at headquarters, relief organizations continued to send in reports telling of the suffering that has come in the wake of the cold and storm.

Several of these institutions are already receiving funds from the campaign, and leaders declared today that nearly a quarter of a million dollars of the money obtained from public subscriptions has been allocated to these agencies to enable them to continue their charity work during the severe weather.

### REDOUBLE EFFORTS

Campaign authorities today redoubled their efforts in all branches of the drive in an attempt to bring the total to the half-way mark of \$2,500,000 before the end of the week.

The advisory committee met this afternoon and discussed further ways of speeding the work.

Among the outstanding contributions received at headquarters today was that of \$5500 from Mrs. Henry B. Cabot, Sr.

A telephone call from Capt. Christopher Ness of the fishing trawler *Flow*, far out on the fishing banks, announced that each of his men had contributed to the fund for Boston's needy, and that a total donation of \$100 had been raised by the crew.

Announcement of large contributions from department stores in the city is expected during the week.

The ward canvassers continued their work though it was reported that more active workers were needed. Several wards have reorganized their committees and are expected to send in excellent reports before the end of the week.

## Mayor Curley Gives \$500 to Relief Fund



Mayor Curley giving Mrs. Barrett Wendell, chairman of of women's division of the Boston emergency relief campaign, a check for \$500 today at City Hall.

## TRANSCRIPT

### GOING TO COURT

To the Editor of the Transcript:

According to the report of yesterday's hearing on the petition for investigation of administration of the city of Boston, Senator Finnegan asks why the citizens didn't resort to the courts for protection. The senator should know that while the law provides means by which citizens aggrieved by the action of any public official may approach the court, that once the citizen resorts to legal means for protection all the resources of the Government, both legal and financial, are enlisted on the side of the delinquent official and against the citizen, even to the Supreme Court of the United States. It should be evident that few citizens can afford such means.

The Declaration of Rights of this Commonwealth declares that:

Every subject of the Commonwealth ought to find a certain remedy, by having recourse to the laws, for all injuries or wrongs which he may receive in his person, property or character. He ought to obtain right and justice freely, and without being obliged to purchase it; completely and without any denial; promptly, and without delay; conformably to the laws.

Does the senator, or any member of the committee hearing this petition of the taxpayers, believe that aggrieved citizens should be compelled to pay the price which protection costs under the present laws? Should he be compelled to pay not only his own legal fees and court costs but also to pay for the defense of the official against whom he is seeking protection?

For five years citizens have petitioned the General Court for correction of conditions that make their protection unavailable. They have been given leave to withdraw in every case and the reason given for adverse action on their petition is that if means of protection against delinquent officials were made simple enough to be within the reach of the ordinary citizen it would be impossible to prevent crooked and corrupt lawyers from taking advantage of it.

It would be well to bear in mind that an overwhelming majority of the citizens upon whose votes the public officials depend pay no property tax and believe that they are immune from any contribution to the costs of government. They believe that they are not interested in checking municipal extravagance. They believe that taxes are something for other people to worry about.

F. W. MERRICK

East Boston, Feb. 10.





### Talk and Taxes

**OWNERS** of small homes and other properties must get tax-relief. This fact is the real reason for the presence of so many small-home owners at the State House last week. These taxpayers are not interested in politics being played. They are not concerned with the aspirations of office-seekers and officeholders. They are not impressed by wild accusations and countercharges. The people want their tax burden lightened as quickly as possible. At least they do not want it increased.

For years the newspapers have been calling for cuts in national, state and local expenditures. If the public read the warnings at all, they generally ignored them. Times were good.

We know of no man more skilled in city government than Mayor James M. Curley. How well he has done his job is a matter of individual opinion. But the opinion should be based upon facts and not upon hearsay. Bearing heavy tax burdens, it is not surprising that homeowners give ear to accusations that are made either sincerely or merely as part of a shrewd political game of officeholding and patronage.

Homeowners should be watchful that they are not made pawns in the games of self-seeking men who want public acclaim and public office. Taxpayers should not be diverted from the true goal—tax relief. With the extraordinary loads now upon national, state and local governments, it is doubtful that much relief can come quickly. But continuing effort must be made to keep costs down.

Legislative hearings are notorious for the looseness of the words sometimes uttered. At last week's hearing, charges against Mayor Curley ran the range from honest criticism to sheer gossip and possibly slander.

But in a hearing where none of the witnesses is put under oath, where the sky is the limit in accusation and rumor and hearsay, where politicians are building their fences and voters are being wooed—and possibly exploited—it is hazardous to their own welfare for the public to believe all it hears. Further, while it is imperative that truth be brought to light, it is imperative also that the city's financial credit must not be impaired by political misrepresentation of the facts.

### GLOBE GOT NO COMMISSIONS. JAMES ROOSEVELT SAYS

A denial that he has ever received commissions on insurance or for any other business from Mayor Curley or the city of Boston was made yesterday by James Roosevelt, son of the President-elect, in a letter to Senator Erland F. Fish, chairman of the Rules Committee.

Mr Roosevelt's communication said: "It has been drawn to my attention that at a hearing of Friday, Feb 10, 1933, on the bill by Senator Parkman to investigate the affairs of the city of Boston, reference was made to a letter written by Mrs Hanna Connors stating that I had received commissions on insurance given me by the present Mayor of Boston.

"In order that the record may be correct, may I state to you and through you to the Rules Committee that never at any time have I received one cent of commission for insurance or any other business from either the Mayor or the city of Boston."

## \$5 A DAY WAGE TO SHOVELLERS

62½ Cents An Hour Rate  
Is Ordered by  
Mayor

Snow shovellers employed by private contractors in snow removal work for the city of Boston must be paid 62½ cents an hour, Mayor Curley announced today.

The mayor said today, as a result of complaints that some contractors had cut the wage to 30 cents an hour, that no contractors engaged in snow clearing work for the city would be paid unless they guaranteed 62½ cents an hour.

City contracts call for payment of \$5 a day for eight hours. The mayor notified Acting Public Works Commissioner Carven of the edict after names of several wage-cutting contractors had been forwarded.

The task of snow removal from the city streets went forward today, while fair weather and rising temperature prevailed. A total of 4500 men worked over the week-end clearing the main arteries, and were putting the finishing touches on side streets today. The snow removal job will cost the city \$50,000 or more.

## NORTON WANTS POLICE RADIO

Will Ask Council to Start  
Ball Rolling

City Councillor Clement A. Norton of Hyde Park last night announced he would introduce an order in the Council this afternoon seeking to have Mayor Curley request Governor Ely to direct Police Commissioner Hultman to install a police radio system in Boston immediately.

The councillor declares that there is no further need for spending money investigating if the city needs a police radio system. Norton maintains the need is obvious. He attacked, in a statement, Police Commissioner Hultman for having failed hitherto to take steps for the installation of a police radio system.



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# MAYOR ORDERS \$5 WAGE FOR WORKERS

## Removal Job Saves \$50,000 of Wel- fare Fund

Over 1000 unemployed laborers who were paid less than \$5 a day by contractors engaged in removing snow from the city streets will get the full amount as required by city regulations or the contractors will not get paid. Four thousand men were at work on snow removal today. Three thousand were recruited from the city welfare list.

Anticipating a meeting with a delegation of shovelers who planned to protest payment of only \$2.40 for their work yesterday, Mayor Curley today sent the following notice to Christopher J. Carven, acting commissioner of public works:

"Get in touch with each of the 10 contractors now doing snow-removal work for the city. Tell them they must comply with all conditions in reference to work done for the city. Tell them that no contractor will get any money until all matters in dispute have been disposed of satisfactorily."

### CITY SAVES \$50,000

As the dispute over allegedly unfair wages was carried to the city council by Israel Ruby, who demands that the council support Mayor Curley's action, Carven announced that the city had saved \$50,000 on the snow removal work.

The work ordinarily would have cost \$100,000, he said, but by putting to work 3000 men on the welfare list, the city saved that much money. These men reinforced the 1000 regular city employees and the thousand odd men hired by contractors.

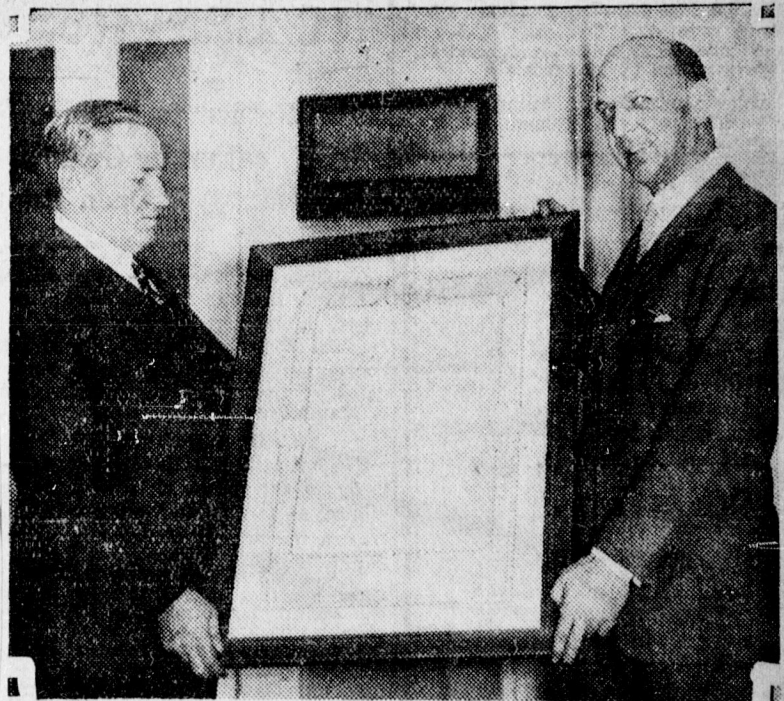
In spite of the alleged 30-cents-an-hour wage by some of the 10 contractors assisting the city in snow removal, over 1000 men stormed the city employment office on Church st. today seeking jobs..

### MARCH ON CITY HALL

For a while it appeared as if some trouble might develop when a small group of job applicants suggested a march on City Hall. John J. Shields, director of the employment office, pointed out to the men that such a move would get them nothing.

"I'm trying to find jobs for all of you," he told the men, who then decided to take a chance of getting work through

# Tribute Paid Coolidge



The Boston city council sent a framed resolution of sympathy to Mrs. Calvin Coolidge at Northampton today. Councilman Laurence Curtis, 2d, of ward 4, who proposed the resolution following the death of the ex-President, is shown with Mayor Curley, who signed the message after the council adopted the proposal.

his efforts.

Contractors pointed out that they are paying men the highest wages they can under the circumstances. They pointed out that their bids were based on the presumption that they would be able to use improved snow removal machinery. When ordered by Mayor Curley to use men instead of machines, they say their expenses were increased accordingly, and they will fight any effort on the part of the council to withhold any of their contract price.

While the mounting temperature today helped rid the city of snow, a new storm was reported due here tomorrow. But with the temperature 36 at noon today as against 22 at the same time yesterday, and with the prediction that it will get even warmer, the weatherman looks for rain rather than more snow.

## James Roosevelt Denies Receiving Commissions

James Roosevelt, son of the President-elect, yesterday sent a letter to President Erland F. Fish of the State Senate in which he denies that he has ever received commissions on insurance or any other business from Mayor Curley or the city of Boston. His letter follows:

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# POLICE RADIO IS ORDERED BY CURLEY

## Asks \$300,000 to Put System in Opera- tion Immediately

Mayor Curley today sent to the council an appropriation order for \$300,000 for a complete new police department communication system, including the short wave radio broadcast for which the Boston Evening American has been campaigning for a year.

If the council approves the order, work will be started within two weeks and completed in six months, "giving Boston a communication system as complete and modern as any in the world," the mayor said.

The plan calls for a broadcast- ing room in headquarters with two sub-stations to overcome "dead" spots, equipment of all squad cars with radio and the replacement of old cables in order that signal boxes may be lined directly with headquarters as well as with the division stations in which they are located.

### DIRECT TO HEADQUARTERS

Thus the route patrolman will be able to flash word of a crime from the signal box direct to headquarters for broadcasting purposes and no time will be lost by relay.

The prolonged controversy over the antiquated and inadequate police signal system (which recently allowed the slayers of King Solomon to escape) came to a head at a City Hall conference this morning.

Commissioner Hultman had sent Mayor Curley a letter regarding radio as a result of the City Council's virtual ultimatum they would not vote a cent for police expenses unless radio were installed. The mayor did not make public the letter but he summoned his department heads.

### MAYOR FORCES ISSUE

Hultman, Fire Commissioner McLaughlin, Corporation Counsel Silverman, Budget Commissioner Fox, City Auditor Carven and Traffic Commissioner Conry (in the background) sat down with the mayor.

The mayor forced the issue. He said he wanted a police radio system in operation within 30 days.

He proposed two plans: (1) that \$60,000 be appropriated to instal a system at once and that later appropriations be made for improvement; (2) that the fire department short wave station, now used to

## Up to the Finance Com. City Hall Investigation Their Responsibility

The Boston Finance Commission costs the people of Boston \$50,000 a year.

It has been so for twenty years.

Thus, a million dollars has been expended by the public of Boston for the maintenance of this Commission, whose sole duty is to ascertain that the city government of Boston is managed honestly and effectively.

This Commission is appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts.

In all its long existence the great majority of the members of this Commission have been chosen by Republican governors to supervise and to investigate Mayors of Boston who have usually been Democratic.

The Finance Commission has been composed of active and independent citizens from the late John R. Murphy to Courtenay Guild to Charles M. Storey.

The Commission has been, on the whole, energetic in its constant probes into the financial affairs of the city.

In fact, it has been so alert and active at times it has brought itself into popular disfavor by its seeming inclination to harass and annoy the respective Mayors and City Administrations.

Not content with these activities of the Finance Commission nor with this expenditure of \$1,000,000 at the rate of \$50,000 a year for the constant investigation of the financial affairs and disbursements of the city, some citizens are asking the Legislature to authorize a new and separate commission or committee to make another investigation of the present Administration and to compel the people of Boston to spend an additional \$100,000 for it.

Such an investigation should be unnecessary.

If these people have a just grievance it is against the Finance Commission and against the Governors who have appointed the members of the Finance Commission.

Their claim should have been presented to the Governor of Massachusetts, rather than to the Legislature.

He could select a new personnel for the Boston Finance Commission if he was convinced that the present members are not performing their duty to the public.

Chairman Goodwin says that he and the other Finance Commissioners have performed their work dutifully and they have found from time to time some extravagances in city affairs, such as may be found in any private corporation, but there is not dishonesty.

The issue, therefore, appears to be between these complainants and the Finance Commission.

One investigating commission ought to be enough for the city of Boston without forcing other commissions and their expenses upon the public at this time.

direct fireboats, be converted for police use, so receiving sets could be placed in 50 police cars.

### DUMBBELLS, SAYS MAYOR

Commissioner Hultman said that if radio were to be introduced he preferred to see a complete job done, and suggested a \$250,000 system, incorporating most of the fea-

tures that finally were decided upon.

After considerable discussion, during which the mayor said he was convinced "we were dumbbells for not having installed radio before," the meeting agreed to the \$300,000 appropriation order which the mayor hurried to prepare for presentation to the council later today.



# MAYOR INSISTS ON WAGE OF \$5

Acts in Dispute Over Pay  
of Snow Shovelers

Approximately 5000 men were at work today throughout the city clearing away the snow so that lanes of traffic would be clear. First attention was paid to the busy thoroughfares. Efforts were being made to have all streets cleared by tonight so that conditions would not be too severe if the forecasted snowstorm of tomorrow proved to be a heavy one.

Reports that certain contractors paid help but \$3.40 a day for snow removal, resulting in complaints, caused Mayor Curley today to notify Acting Commissioner Christopher J. Carven that the prevailing rate must be paid.

The Mayor said that the contractors will receive no money for snow removal unless they pay the prevailing snow wage of last year, \$5 a day. Every year, he said, there are some complaints and payment is not made until the complaints are straightened out.

Progress in the removal of the snow was not as great as expected, because of two factors, Mr. Carven said. These were both due to the economic situation. A number of welfare aid workers, willing to show their appreciation for financial help, he said, worked when they were not physically able to do so and impeded progress somewhat. Also there was a shortage of trucks for carrying away the snow and this meant that workers were delayed considerable in their efforts.

More trucks and carts were being used today and, as a result, the work of removal was speeded up to a great extent.

Yesterday there were about 3500 men at work in removing the snow.

The force at work today includes 3000 men from the Welfare Department rolls, 1000 city employees and 1000 men hired by contractors.

The use of men on the welfare rolls will cut in half the cost of snow removal, according to Mr. Carven. Ordinarily a storm of the intensity of the last one would cost \$100,000 to clean up, but it is believed streets will be cleared for \$50,000.

For the removal of the snow there are being used 152 vehicles owned by contractors and 175 city-owned trucks and carts.

## EAST BOSTON SOLON SAYS SNOW WORKERS UNDERPAID

Representative Alexander Sullivan of East Boston complained in a letter today to Mayor James M. Curley that laborers on snow removal in his part of the city were being underpaid and that non-resident contractors were used in the work.

"I am informed on reliable authority," wrote Representative Sullivan, "that laborers used on snow removal in East Boston are being underpaid for their work and that non-resident contractors are being used in the work. I know that Your Honor, appreciation the number of our citizens who are unemployed, will take speedy action to correct such unfavorable conditions."

# VIENNA BOY SINGERS GIVE CITY HALL THRILL

"Star Spangled Banner"  
Gets Loud Applause

City officials and others who work at City Hall have been impressed by the visits of notable singers and choirs in years past, but today their undying affection was won by the little Vienna singers under the direction of Rev Fr. Josef Schmitt.

The boys, all similarly dressed in natty uniforms, went to the office of Mayor Curley to pay their respects and to receive a formal welcome to the city. Before they left they were given perhaps the most genuine and heartfelt impromptu reception that any individual group ever received at City Hall. The boys won everyone within hearing by their voices, especially by their rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner."

White-haired officials and others said that never in their experience had they heard the anthem so beautifully sung and never had seen an audience held so spellbound while it was being sung.

Mayor Curley had asked if they would sing for him. They let their sweet voices ring out in perfect harmony in the song loved by all Americans. These little visitors from far-away Austria know little English, but they knew the Star Spangled Banner, every word. The clarity of tone, the diction and blending of those voices moved their listeners to rapture. Loud applause was given their splendid effort.

They had learned "The Star Spangled Banner" in their native schools in Vienna, where it is one of the songs in English that is always taught. Following the singing of the anthem the youngsters sang an Austrian song, to the delight of Mayor Curley and the many who had gathered around them. Tomorrow night the youthful singers will appear at Jordan Hall and on Wednesday will board the SS Berengaria for their return trip to Vienna.

# GOT NO COMMISSIONS. JAMES ROOSEVELT SAYS

A denial that he has ever received commissions on insurance or for any other business from Mayor Curley or the city of Boston was made yesterday by James Roosevelt, son of the President-elect, in a letter to Senator Erland F. Fish, chairman of the Rules Committee.

Mr. Roosevelt's communication said: "It has been drawn to my attention that at a hearing of Friday, Feb. 10, 1933, on the bill by Senator Parkman to investigate the affairs of the city of Boston, reference was made to a letter written by Mrs. Hanna Connors stating that I had received commissions on insurance given me by the present Mayor of Boston. "In order that the record may be correct, may I state to you and through you to the Rules Committee that never at any time have I received one cent of commission for insurance or any other business from either the Mayor or the city of Boston."

## SNOW WORKERS SAY THEY ARE UNDERPAID

A group of the snow shovellers last night announced their intention of calling on Mayor Curley today to express their grievances over allegations that they had been paid \$3.20 for an eight-hour day instead of \$5, as they had understood when they were hired. David S. Sheehan, president of the Tammany Club of Dorchester, will head the delegation.

## AMERICAN City's Resolution Sent Mrs. Coolidge

An embossed and framed copy of resolutions passed by the City Council on Jan. 9, following the death of Calvin Coolidge, was forwarded to Mrs. Coolidge at Northampton by Mayor Curley today. City Councillor Laurence Curtis, 2nd, of Back Bay, who introduced the resolution, joined with the Mayor in forwarding it to the widow of the former President.

## City Puts Wreath on Lincoln Statue

Asst. Corp. Counsel Julian D. Rainey, representing Mayor Curley, placed a memorial wreath on the statue of Abraham Lincoln in Park sq. this noon. Michael F. Curley, director of public celebrations, presided at the exercises, which were attended by representatives of various local patriotic and fraternal groups.

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Post

## NOT JUSTIFIED NOW

It is easy to agree with Mayor Curley that "we were dumb-bells for not having installed radio before" and just as easy to disagree with him and Police Commissioner Hultman as to the wisdom and necessity of spending \$250,000 or \$300,000 to do the job now. The communications system which they have in mind would probably make the Boston system the best in the United States—but a quarter of a million dollars is a lot of money now. If the installation works out like other innovations, this would be merely the first cost. The addition would be what business men call a "plus proposition." It would be a net addition to our expenses, a capital outlay which would call for annual appropriations for upkeep, improvements, etc. It would all be reflected quickly in the tax rate which the good citizens of Boston wish to have reduced.

Would the department suffer greatly if we deferred the expenditure until the treasury is in condition to bear it? Not at all. Would the department be more efficient if we had the new devices? Yes. Better to the extent of \$250,000 or \$300,000 measured in any way you wish? No! While welfare costs are running at the rate of a million a month, while taxpayers are hard put to it to prevent sales of their property, while all the civic organizations of good repute are demanding a reduction in expenses, such an outlay is entirely unjustifiable. Let us not be stampeded by the murder of a gangster and the ineptitude of two or three policemen into squandering more of the taxpayers' money!

Globe

## WOULD MODIFY REMOVAL POWER AS TO ASSESSORS

City Councilor Clement A. Norton of Boston appeared today before the Legislative Committee on Cities to urge his bill to have the authority for removal of assessors in this city subject to the assent of the State Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.

"It is a splendid board, if the members could do as they desired, but we need a change," said Mr Norton in urging the committee to curb the powers of the Mayor of Boston. Mr Norton said he was not influenced by any animus against Mayor Curley in introducing the legislation. He felt, however, that under the present law the Mayor has too great authority and that if the suggested change were made the assessors would have greater freedom in setting property values.

R. A. Cutter, representing the Boston Real Estate Exchange and the Municipal Research Bureau, indorsed the bill. He pointed out that if passed the legislation would not become operative until the expiration of Mayor Curley's term of office and would not affect the present assessors.

## EVACUATION DAY FETE IN BALANCE

### Today's Conference with the Mayor to Fix Extent of Celebration

Whether South Boston will have an extensive celebration of Evacuation day, March 17, will depend on the outcome of a conference to be held today between Mayor Curley and the committee of the South Boston holiday celebration.

Recently the amount allowed the committee by the city was slashed to \$3100, making the parade feature unlikely. The amount is \$400 less than was asked and \$1500 less than has been received in any year since the world war.

Assurance that units of the army, navy, marine corps and coast guard will take part in the Evacuation day parade in South Boston were given to Congressman John W. McCormack in Washington yesterday by the heads of the armed forces of the country.

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## MARCH 17 FETE UP TO CURLEY

The fate of South Boston's annual Evacuation Day celebration on March 17 rested today in a conference between Mayor Curley and the South Boston committee seeking more funds for the anniversary fete.

Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard heads at Washington have promised land, sea and air units for participation in the parade and other parts of the program, but unless the appropriation asked can be secured it is probable that there will be no parade.

The committee originally asked for \$3500, but this amount was slashed \$400, bringing the sum to \$1500 less than has been set aside for the South Boston celebration in any year since the World War.

## OPEN WAY TO ENTER TUNNEL

### Curley Approves Contract to Raze Buildings

Mayor Curley last night approved the decision of the Boston Transit Commission to award a contract of \$24,000 to the Atlantic Building Wrecking Company, the lowest bidder, for the removal of buildings on North street in the market district to make way for the downtown entrance to the \$19,000,000 East Boston traffic tunnel.

Work of tearing down the buildings will start about March 1, Colonel Thomas F. Sullivan, chairman of the Transit Commission, which is constructing the vehicular tube, announced last night, and the job will take about two months.

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## FIN. COM. PROBE FRETS POLICE

Police officials are perturbed over the activities of John C. O'Neill, Finance Commissioner investigator, it was learned today.

O'Neill is supposed to be investigating matters relating to the 1933 budget and ways and means of economizing, but somehow or other his inquiries have been going far afield into other matters, it was revealed.

This disclosure only served to revive a rumor, previously denied on all sides, that a mysterious seepage of \$40,000 in purchase of materials for the police department was being investigated.

Among matters O'Neill has inquired about are the uses of the horses he found stabled in the Back Bay, the frigidity of the dormitory in the Back Bay police station and a heating plant in Hyde Park which was installed two years ago.



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TRAVELER

## WHY JUST NOW?

The clamor from certain quarters for a \$100,000 investigation into the administration of the city of Boston has a time element which tends to raise questions.

Mayor James M. Curley, thrice elected mayor of this city, was never so much in the public eye as he is now, a figure known far beyond the political confines of his city and his state.



Mayor Curley

There is a suspicion that the outcry now heard was timed with reference to that fact, regardless of its effect upon Boston and upon the city's credit.

This suspicion alone should give pause to those who are lifting their voices in such serious charges as have been made at the State House hearings—charges of witnesses, by the way, who have not been put under oath, but who declare at will.

It is easy to shout "Graft" and other accusations. It is easy enough to obtain acclaim for such charges, particularly when blanket complaints are hurled against executives of any community, municipal, state or national. The public listens readily to criticism, tardily to praise. Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman spoke with truth when he declared last Friday at the State House:

**"It is easy enough to start yelling 'graft' and 'corruption.' No man in public office is safe from that accusation."**

There is another question to be considered as well; that of personal and political motive.

Always there are many with axes to grind. That is human nature. But, with all due regard to human nature and political aspirations, we do not wish to spend \$100,000 of the public funds to help put a razor edge on anybody's personal axe.

We want economy in civic administration. We want taxes kept down to the lowest possible limit and we want property owners protected.

But we do not want the public stampeded into the luxury of an investigation which has such a high political "content" as this one may have.

Anything which costs \$100,000 is a luxury today, and we cannot afford luxuries, particularly if they have personal and political flavor.

## MAYOR'S RECALL MEASURE URGED

### Charter Provision Advocated by City Councilman Norton

A change in the city charter of Boston whereby the proposal of recalling the mayor could be put before the people after the expiration of two years' service of an incumbent in office was advocated before the legislative committee on cities today by City Councilman Clement A. Norton.

A recall provision was in the charter of Boston adopted in 1909 but, according to Councilman Norton, this provision was eliminated when Mayor Peters was the chief executive.

He said that the charter change suggested would act as a check against the mayor and would give the people an opportunity of passing upon the qualifications of their chief executive within a reasonable time after his being elected.

The measure, Norton said, would allow an incumbent to run again in the special election following the mandate of the voters or the recall, so that he would have an opportunity of vindicating his two years of service.

Councilman Norton also urged the committee to curb the power of the mayor of Boston over the local assessors by making the removal of the latter subject to the assent of the state commissioner of corporations and taxation.

### MAYOR WOULD REDUCE MARKET TENANT'S RENT

A reduction in rent from \$13,350 to \$10,000 for the quarters in Quincy Market occupied by the Boston Fruit & Produce Exchange was recommended to the city council yesterday by Mayor Curley.

The present rental was established in 1925 and when the council made a reduction of 30 per cent. in the rentals of stalls in Faneuil Hall, no cut was made in the price charged the exchange. Unless the rent is reduced the exchange will move and Mayor Curley told the council the advantages of retaining a tenant. The council referred the matter to the executive committee which deferred action for a week pending a conference with representatives of the exchange and Supt. of Public Buildings Englert.



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## Council Has No Fear Over Kelly's Life

Entertained, but Not Surprised, When Colleague Appears with Bodyguard

Although treated to the novelty of having one of their colleagues appear on the floor of their official chamber with a police bodyguard, members of the city council did not indicate yesterday afternoon that they shared with Councilor Francis E. Kelly any idea he may have that his life is in danger of being snuffed out by other than natural causes. As one of the spearheads of the movement which was sensationally staged at the State House last week for an investigation of the city Government of Boston, Kelly on the claim that his life was threatened obtained assignment of police protection.

Since that time Special Officer Charles Flanders has been practically as close to Kelly as the councilor's own shadow. Accordingly, as several of the councilors indicated in asides, they were more entertained than surprised when Kelly appeared in the regular council session, with Flanders close at hand, and dramatically, albeit not convincingly, as many of his colleagues indicated, declared that if he is "put on the spot" within sixty days his death would be paid for with three lives.

Kelly spoke with characteristic invective in an endeavor to advance his order to have Mayor Curley rescind the snow removal contract of the W. C. G. Company on the allegation that the company had paid workers less than the 62½ cents per hour stipulated in the agreement with the city in snow removal work.

In the course of the afternoon's proceedings, a long stretch of which was in a session of the executive committee, Kelly and Councilor Israel Ruby clashed heatedly. They caused general confusion among the members to such an extent that Councilor William G. Lynch tossed aside his gavel and left the committee room so that the proceedings could not be dignified as an official session of the committee.

In the course of this discussion, Ruby asked Kelly how much he was getting for "carrying the bag for the Massachusetts Real Estate Home Owners' Association" in the movement for an investigation of the city government, and Kelly retorted by asking Ruby how much he was "collecting" for garage permits. During this exchange the Kelly bodyguard was in another room, as only members of the Council, members of the press and witnesses called by the committee are admitted to the executive sessions.

Eventually the hubbub quieted down, Councilor Lynch returned to the room and the committee proceeded to discuss at great length orders aimed to prevent contractors who had failed to pay workers the prevailing wage for snow removal from collecting their money from the city treasurer. Mayor Curley, earlier in the day, in about five minutes, had blocked payments to contractors for snow removal by an order that such payments should not be made until all matters in wage dispute had been settled.

The council referred to its committee on finance the \$300,000 loan order which the mayor had sent in for the installation of a new police signal system, including a radio broadcast system. The mayor's recommendation for a new lease at \$10,000 a year instead of \$13,500 for the Boston Fruit Exchange in the Quincy Market was tabled for one week for appearance of representatives of the Exchange and the city law department.

## Police Radio for Boston

**B**ECAUSE a man can go into a store, buy a radio, have it delivered to his house and then tune in and get radio programs, it does not follow that radio for police is a mere matter of setting up a shortwave transmitting set, equipping police cars with receiving sets and then going ahead and making sensational captures.

Police radio appeals to the imagination and to the sense of the dramatic. But police radio, in practice, is but a part of the police communications system. This fact Commissioner Hultman early recognized and one of his first steps was to start building up a communications system that had been obsolete.

As to radio, Commissioner Hultman, shortly after he took office, requested Massachusetts Institute of Technology to make a country-wide investigation of police communications systems. This investigation Tech did make, at cost—simply as a public service. The report was made. It takes in every phase of police communications—radio, teletype, police telegraph, telephone and contact with the public.

This Technology report was given last June by Commissioner Hultman to Mayor Curley who turned it over to the city council. It is this M. I. T. report which Mayor Curley and Commissioner Hultman both recommend to the council.

Both the mayor and the police commissioner see the picture clearly. The cost, probably about \$250,000, may sound large, but if we are to have radio, it's better to spend that sum for an effective arm against crime than to spend \$75,000 experimenting with a radio station that at best would be an expensive supplement to a makeshift system.

## STOP BARKING AT CURLEY

To the Editor of the Transcript:

Mayor Curley's enemies should quiet down. I am an inbred Republican but I can see no justification for such loud barking at his heels. The Hon. James is a man of outstanding ability and Boston is fortunate in having his services. The job of administering an immense corporation, such as this municipality is, with so multifarious a business is no contract for a weakling. I suggest that it is better to support and advise with the mayor—he is a good listener, a vigorous actor, an able executive, born in Boston, a good family man, of sound judgment, and in a large way a benefit to the city. Who could do it better?

Why has Curley lasted so many years, and still going strong? Because he has the combined qualities named above. Had not that been so he would have shriveled to dust in the constant glare of publicity. Curley is a self-made man—a workman-like structure.

SUMNER FORBES

Boston, Feb. 13.

## MAYOR ORDERS FULL PAY FOR SNOW WORKERS

More than 1000 unemployed men who were paid less than the regular rate of \$5 a day for handling snow from the city streets will be paid the full amount on order of Mayor Curley, who warned contractors yesterday that they will not receive payment until the wages of these men have been satisfactorily adjusted.

Mayor Curley sent the following notice to Christopher J. Craven, acting commissioner of public works, after the complaint of the snow shovellers had been brought to his attention:

"Get in touch with each of the 10 contractors now doing snow-shovelling work for the city. Tell them they must comply with all conditions in reference to work done for the city. Tell them that no contractor will get any money until all matters in dispute have been disposed of satisfactorily."

Contractors pointed out that they were paying men the highest wages they could under the circumstances, and declared they would fight any effort on the part of the Council to withhold any of their contract prices.

# Mayor's \$300,000 Police Signal System Opposed by Council

Would Replace Obsolete Underground Cables And Include Three Radio Stations—  
—Referred to Fin Com

An appropriation order of \$300,000 proposed by Mayor Curley yesterday to provide the police department with a new system of communication including three synchronized broadcasting stations in widely separated sections of the city encountered immediate and vigorous opposition in the city council. A movement was started by Councilman Clement A. Norton of Hyde Park to limit the expenditure to \$60,000 for radio equipment.

The order was referred to the finance committee, and Police Commissioner Hultman, who emerged a victor in a protracted debate with the mayor, who expressed reluctance to recommend the appropriation for which Hultman voiced favor, will be forced to convince councilmen that the obsolete communication system should be replaced.

The finance committee, headed by Councilman John F. Dowd, will invite Hultman to appear before them and explain the need for the various improvements covered in his request to Mayor Curley yesterday for a \$300,000 appropriation. The date of the committee meeting at which Hultman will appear will be fixed within the next few days by Councilman Dowd.

## SUM FOR MODERNIZING

\$300,000 Would Put Recommendation Into Effect, Says Hultman

Police Commissioner Hultman said last night that the \$300,000 appropriation is sought as a means of putting into effect the recommendations for modernizing the communications system of the police department as contained in the report made last May by Massachusetts Institute of Technology, following an exhaustive study of the present facilities of the Boston department as well as the more up-to-date systems of several other large cities.

That report recommended expenditures aggregating \$325,000 to take care of immediate needs of the police department's communication system, and advised the expenditure of \$90,000 more to replace patrol box cable equipment which will require renewal within the next few years.

## MODERN WIRE SYSTEM

The report, based on a survey made by Profs. Dugald Jackson and Carlton E. Tucker, emphasized chiefly the need of an up-to-date wire communication system, which it was asserted the Bos-

ton police department lacks. Introduction of a radio telephone system for communication with patrol cars and with the station houses was cited as of secondary importance to a modernized wire system.

The report referred to radio as "a useful auxiliary in association with the more important wire system of communication."

The recommendations of the Technology experts included principally an item of \$190,000 for replacing 70 per cent. of the cable equipment running between the 560 patrol boxes and the 19 station houses. Much of the cable equipment is over 40 years old and considerably deteriorated. Moreover, the Technology experts recommended

installation of a system to enable telephone communication between any patrol box and headquarters or with any one of the station houses, to replace the present system giving contact merely with the station house in the division where the patrol box lies. This calls for installation of additional wires and enlargement of the capacity of the cables, and involves also the extension of the citizen blinker alarm system, and the "officers' recall" feature to all divisions. The latter two features have already been introduced in six divisions and will soon be extended to three more.

# CHARGES KELLY RECEIVES FEES

Ruby Says Council Colleague Paid by Realty Ass'n

A barrage of denunciatory characterizations hurled at Councilman Francis E. Kelly yesterday by Councilman Israel Ruby preceded a challenge to Kelly to disclose the "consideration" which Ruby charged he has received from the Massachusetts Real Estate Owners' Association for his leadership of the movement to secure a legislative investigation of the administration of Mayor Curley.

"Bluffer, stool-pigeon, copper and policeman," were a few of the epithets which Ruby shouted at Kelly. An answering retort challenging that Ruby has collected gratuities for securing garage permits and the acceptances of private ways as public streets led to a demand on Kelly to prove his sincerity as "the champion of the people" by submitting his evidence to the district attorney and the Suffolk county grand jury.

The battle of epithets, which was started in the council chamber, reached its height in the executive session and despite the repeated efforts of Chairman William G. Lynch to maintain order, neither of the shouting councilmen paid any attention to the banging of the gavel.

Proclaiming that "I'd rather be a friend of the mayor than the friend of 700 councilmen like you," Ruby ridiculed the claim of Kelly, who has had a police bodyguard since Wednesday, that his life has been threatened, and dared the Kelly organization to invade ward 14 this year and attempt to encompass his defeat for re-election.

# 7200 Persons May Be Defendants In Libel Suit Planned by Cummings

The 7200 who signed the petition asking for a city investigation and describing alleged actions of Matthew Cummings, wealthy contractor, may find themselves defendants in one of the largest libel actions ever brought in Boston, James F. Meagher, attorney for Cummings, declared last night.

The petition, now in the possession of the legislative rules committee, before which the request for an inquiry was made, will be impounded and carefully examined by Meagher in an effort to determine if it affords proper basis for either criminal or civil action.

Mr. Meagher, in company with his partner, Robert T. Bushnell, is also examining the stenographic record of proceedings before the legislative committee when Francis Kelly, councilman from Dorchester, charged that Cummings had received city contracts without bidding and when he was not low bidder.

Cummings has declared that he would ask the district attorney for criminal action against Kelly, and the

latter has dared him to do so. Kelly declares that he would welcome proceedings against him, asserting that such action "will give me a chance to prove my contentions and open an issue which I wish to air."

The legislative rules committee, which will shortly vote whether or not to recommend an inquiry, will meet tomorrow in executive session but it is not certain that it will act upon the petition at the coming session.

The entire question of municipal corruption will again be brought to the forefront tomorrow at a meeting of the legislative committee on cities. Proponents of a petition providing for "legislation to authorize the appointment of a new finance commission for the city of Boston" are expected to be present in large numbers. Many of those expected attended the hearings last week asking for a city investigation under the leadership of Mrs. Hannah M. Connors, who is also interested in the passage of the petition coming up before the committee on cities.



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# HEART THROB DAY



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## Curley for Navy Post He Would Be Fine Selection

Mayor James M. Curley of Boston for Secretary of the Navy.

Associated Press dispatches from Washington state that he is being highly and favorably considered for that important portfolio in the Cabinet of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

There is every logical reason for hoping that this will prove true, for hoping that Governor Roosevelt will give the country the benefit of Mayor Curley's ability.

New England deserves representation in the national Cabinet.

And it would be singularly appropriate that that representation should be in the United States Navy and singularly effective that it should be in the person of Mayor Curley.

New England is the mother of the United States Navy. Here the first ships of war for defense of our country were constructed. Here the first Navy Yards and naval fortifications were established. Here we have been familiar with the needs and requirements of an adequate naval establishment for the protection of our country since the historic era of John Paul Jones and the first American sloop-of-war, the Ranger.

Our great naval bases at Charlestown, Portsmouth and Newport are now threatened with extinction, and the United States Navy along with them, as the result of the senseless and unpatriotic "economy" propaganda at Washington and of our ridiculous and dangerous disarmament policy while the rest of the world is girded for war.

Mayor Curley has been steeped in the history and traditions of the United States from the days of his boyhood in the great naval port of Boston.

As Congressman at Washington and as Mayor of our New England metropolis he has rendered great service in the campaign to maintain an adequate Navy, to develop our naval stations, to expand our ports and to promote an American merchant marine for the enlargement of our New England export trade.

Even as this is written, he is on the verge of another victory at Boston which will remove the differential freight rates and subsidies practiced against New England and which will give our New England ports a full and fair chance in competition for the shipping of the world.

We have seen Mayor Curley with superb vigor attack the numerous schemes which would scuttle the United States Navy.

We know that he has a fine American viewpoint. We know that he would not be deceived by the ruinous "little Navy" policy and that he would not be misled by the propaganda of internationalism.

These are some of the reasons why Mayor Curley would be an excellent choice for Secretary of the Navy.

They are reasons enough, because they are patriotic American reasons.

## RECEPTION ON TUESDAY TO COUNCILOR GREEN

A reception and banquet will be tendered City Councilor Thomas H. Green of Charlestown next Tuesday evening in the State Armory, Charlestown, by his host of neighbors and other friends, including Roosevelt delegates who, with Councilor Green, will attend President



THOMAS H. GREEN  
City Councilor

ident Franklin D. Roosevelt's inauguration March 4.

About 2000 are expected to attend the banquet. Members of Col Fred B. Bogan Camp, U. S. W. V., in dress uniform, will be guard of honor, and a feature will be the enrollment of Councilor Green to honorary membership in the camp.

The Metropolitan Firemen's Band will provide the music, and a fine program will be provided by well-known entertainers, including Adrian O'Brien, Marion Mulhall, Mazie McBride, Billy Murray, Joe Leahy, Billy Barker's R. K. O. quartet, George B. McKenna, George Faye and the Gossipers.

Among invited guests are Gov Joseph B. Ely, Mayor James M. Curley, Ex-Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols, Supt Michael J. Crowley, Judge Fuchs, James Roosevelt, Hon James H. Brennan, Hon John P. Buckley, Rev Mark Driscoll, DD, pastor of St Francis de Sales' Church; Hon John J. Burke and Hon Andrew Casassa.

The committee includes Daniel P. Stack, chairman; James Delli Veneri, secretary; John C. O'Brien, treasurer; Mrs Walter Corwin and Mrs Spencer Street Commissioner Theodore A. Glynn is honorary chairman of the general committee.

## Post CITY ORATION BY FR. AHERN

Chosen for Joint Celebration  
Sunday

The Rev. Michael J. Ahern, S. J., renowned scientist at the Jesuit House of Studies at Weston, yesterday accepted the invitation of Mayor Curley to deliver the oration at the joint celebration to be held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Faneuil Hall, in commemoration of the anniversaries of Washington and Lincoln. War veterans and historical organizations will participate in the exercises.



## Curley Makes Plea for R. F. C. Loans to Cities

But Says Boston Not Seeking  
Funds at Present — Heads  
Mayor's Committee

### Sugar-Coated Dole of \$1,800,000,000

Mayor Warns of Municipal  
Crisis — Sees Walsh on  
Patronage

By Oliver McKee, Jr.

Special to the Transcript:

Washington, Feb. 17—Through Mayor James M. Curley, Boston joined today with a group of other American cities in a movement to amend the law governing loans by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation so as to give the corporation authority to lend money to municipalities for general governmental purposes. At present loans to cities are restricted to relief purposes which must be approved by the State governor, and to self-liquidating construction projects. Many cities are in financial difficulties with obligations beyond those that they can meet with existing revenues, and without help from the Reconstruction Corporation, it is contended some cities are faced with a complete breakdown of Governmental functions. The purpose of today's meeting was to lay the facts before the public and to create sentiment in Congress favorable to the proposed changes in the law.

Mayor Curley said today that Boston is not at present seeking any aid from the R. F. C., but he is supporting the request of Detroit and other cities in order that Boston might be safeguarded if later conditions are such as to compel the city to seek the aid of the R. F. C. He plans to address the conference of mayors later in the day.

#### \$1,800,000,000 American Dole

The mayors were told by Mr. Curley that conditions since 1932 have grown steadily worse over the entire country. "Today Detroit's case is before the people," he said. "Tomorrow it will be some other city. Unless relief is granted it will be every American city. We in Boston are perhaps more fortunate than others. But in common with every section, we had reason to believe and did believe the depression would not be of as great duration as it was. We thought in two years it would be over. In our city at the present time we have met every financial and every humanitarian obligation without removing a single employee of the 20,000 on our rolls and without reducing a salary. True, voluntary contributions ranging from one day's pay a month from low-salaried employees to three days for higher paid workers were collected. This estimated revenue from these voluntary contributions totaled \$2,800,000. This we applied to the public welfare relief fund for needy and unemployed.

"Public welfare expenditures in all the

cities and towns of Massachusetts amounted to \$7,911,000 in 1930; in 1931 the total increased to \$15,450,000; and in 1932 to \$24,486,000. We have spoken much of the dole system and its demoralizing effects on character. The fact is that in Great Britain the total expense of the dole in a single year was never over \$200,000,000, but in Boston in 1932 welfare relief amounted to \$12,000,000. On the ratio of population, America's expenditures for the dole system—the only term which can be properly applied to it though you will in sugar-coated terms such as welfare—would be in the vicinity of \$1,800,000,000. We may as well face the fact that we are not emerging from the depression. Last year we appealed to Congress to save the people from starvation, this year we are here to appeal for the preservation of the integrity of the units that make up our Government."

#### Curley Named Chairman

Mayor Curley was appointed chairman of a committee of mayors to draft resolutions to be presented to Congress. Named on the committee with him were Mayors Miller of Cleveland, Hoan of Milwaukee, Wamsley of New Orleans, and Jackson of Baltimore. The mayors met under auspices of the American Municipal Association to discuss means of obtaining financial relief for cities in need.

Extension of credit by the Federal Government to cities, Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit said, would be "the safest and best investment the Reconstruction Finance Corporation can make. Thus far the resources of the Reconstruction Corporation have been extended in the main to private interests. The proposed liberalization of the act should enable refunding bonds of municipal corporations to be taken up by the corporation, and also to lift restrictions which now keep the relief agency from lending assistance to municipal utilities."

Mayor Murphy, chosen permanent chairman of the mayors' conference last year, today was unanimously re-elected. The group will meet tomorrow with the Senate Banking Committee.

Mayor Daniel Hoan, Socialist, of Milwaukee, Wis., said "the failure of Congress to adopt the five billion dollar public work program is the reason we are here today."

Mr. Curley will also see Senator David L. Walsh and Speaker Garner. He indicated that he would discuss patronage matters with Walsh. As leader of the Roosevelt forces in Massachusetts, Curley, it is conceded, will have much to say about Massachusetts appointments under the Roosevelt Administration. Curley also has an appointment with James M. Farley tomorrow in New York and he indicated he might also call on Mr. Roosevelt in the near future. When asked about reports that he was slated to become Secretary of the Navy, Curley refused to say whether he expected a Cabinet post. In some Democratic quarters doubt was expressed that the Boston mayor would land in the Cabinet. Some high-placed Democrats believe he is more likely to get a diplomatic appointment abroad.

## BACK ROOSEVELT, COOK URGES CLUB

Speaks With Warren and  
Taylor at Dinner

Secretary of State Frederick C. Cook urged all citizens, regardless of party, to back President-Elect Roosevelt in his attempt to reorganize the Federal Government. Atty-Gen Joseph E. Warner hailed the era of the "Common Man," and William H. Taylor of the Boston Overseers of the Poor prophesied better times near at hand before the Boston Reciprocity Club last night.

The three spoke at the Hotel Touraine, where the club, under the presidency of Judge Malcolm E. Sturtevant, was celebrating "Old Timers' Night."

"We are moving into the era when the common man is coming into his own," declared Atty-Gen Warner. The great combines and great combinations have failed, he said, and he predicted that within a decade there will be a system under which the common man will be able to enjoy greater opportunity.

"The Government," he asserted, "has found that its strength is in the common man. The Government now realizes that the common man is its great bulwark. And it is the common man who will save this country."

#### "Get Behind Roosevelt"—Cook

Secretary of State Cook, Republican, appealed to the gathering—and to citizens at large—to "get behind Roosevelt." "I hope," he said, "that Congress will give Roosevelt great powers in order that he may run the Government with a free hand. If Hoover had been given those powers—he implied the so-called "dictatorial" powers for reorganization of Federal departments—we would have been a long way out of this depression two years ago."

He said that in trying times such as the present, all men should get back of the President regardless of party lines. He said that he has great faith in President-Elect Roosevelt and believes he, given the power, will lead America back to more prosperous times.

#### Taylor Sees Hope

William H. Taylor, Boston attorney and member of the Board of Overseers, gave some hopeful statistics in connection with his office.

"Don't be unduly alarmed," he said. "We have struck bottom, and improvements are already observable." He said that in 1929, \$2,500,000 were dispensed for aid, in 1930, \$3,500,000; in 1931, \$7,000,000, and in 1932, \$12,000,000. All were increases; but this year, he figured the amount will not change.

"If everything remains as it is and there is the usual Summer pickup," he said, "the cost of aid should not pass beyond \$12,000,000. Otherwise, it may go as high as \$14,000,000." But he indicated that he has great hope that it may not reach that higher sum.

As grounds for such hope, he said he observed that applications for aid have not been on the increase this year.

Last year, he said, there were as many as 700 and 800 a night at the Hawkins-st home. This year, there has never been more than 175 persons on a single night.

He paid tribute to Mayor Curley as an experienced man with whom Boston could not dispense in these times.



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# CURLEY URGES NEED FOR FEDERAL FUNDS

## Addresses Group of Mayors in Capital —Made Chairman of Committee

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Murphy said thus far the resources of the Reconstruction Corporation had been extended in the main to private interests.

He suggested the proposed liberalization of the act should enable refunding bonds of municipal corporations to be taken up by the corporation, and also to lift restrictions which now keep the relief agency from lending assistance to municipal utilities.

### Mayor Curley Speaks

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Mayor Daniel Hoan of Milwaukee, Wis., said, "The failure of Congress to adopt the \$5,000,000,000 public work program is the reason we are here today."

Among the nearly 50 Mayors and other city officials attending are Mayor Miller of Cleveland, Mayor T. S. Walmsley, New Orleans; Mayor William Anderson, Minneapolis; and Mayor William Mahoney, St Paul, and Mayor William J. Hosey of Ft Wayne, Ind.

M. S. Szymczak, controller of Chicago, is representing Mayor Anton J. Cermak, now in a hospital at Miami as the result of wounds when an assassin attempted to kill Franklin D. Roosevelt.

### MAYOR CURLEY'S COMMENT ON CABINET POSITION

By M. E. HENNESSY

NEW YORK, Feb 17—Mayor Curley, Corporation Counsel Silverman and City Treasurer Dolan passed through New York at midnight, en route to Washington, where they are going to attend a national conference on municipal finances with a view to framing Federal legislation to relieve cities unable to meet their financial obligations, due and soon to become due.

Mayor Curley said that he planned to return here early Saturday afternoon for a conference with Chairman Farley of the Democratic national committee. When asked about his chances of entering the Roosevelt Cabinet, Mr Curley said that he had not lifted his finger nor asked a friend to urge his appointment. "That is a personal matter with Mr Roosevelt and he will make his own selections, as he has the right to do. If it is coming to me I shall get it, if it isn't I won't, and that is all there is to say about that subject."

"More than a month ago I had a talk with Senator Walsh about Massachusetts patronage," said the Mayor. "We agreed to sit down after inauguration and discuss the subject."

The Mayoral party left here for Washington on the 12:15 a m train.

### Ely and the Attorney Generalship

There's a story that the new Administration had hoped to be able to get Gov Ely of Massachusetts to Attorney General in the Roosevelt Cabinet, but on reflection it was abandoned.

that Gov Ely a Republican might that he would be succeeded by Gaspar Bacon, Republican Lieutenant Governor, and that His Excellency would not be willing to do that, and the idea was abandoned.

But there are still men close to Roosevelt who say that Senator Thomas F. Walsh may find the duties of that office are more than a man his age can stand. In the event of his withdrawal from the Cabinet in a year or two, Gov Ely might be available, as his second term will be drawing to a close.

## MAYOR TO AID OTHER CITIES

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Most of the other large cities, he said, are faced this year with the necessity of paying off tremendous debts and meeting heavy requirements, and without government assistance, he expressed the belief, some of them would be forced to suspend operations of a necessary character.

## Curley Forbids Taxi Dancing

Owners, operators or managers of dance halls and ballrooms of Boston have been notified by Mayor Curley that taxi dancing will not be tolerated. He had heard through City Censor Stanton R. White that arrangements were being made to introduce that form of attraction and in his communication said: "This is to notify you that taxi dancing is forbidden and will be regarded as a violation of the licenses now issued for dance halls or ballrooms, and failure to abide by this regulation prohibiting taxi dancing will result in the revocation of the license."



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## SOLDIERS' RELIEF COSTS INCREASED

January Lists Show 2614  
Cared for by City

Records of the Soldiers Relief Department of Boston indicate no improvement in the unemployment situation among veterans. Reapplications during January numbered 970 and cases cared for in January this year numbered 2614, compared with 1460 a year ago, when many veterans were employed on the tunnel at Kenmore sq.

The cost for relief of soldiers of all wars was \$54,930 in January a year ago. Last month, the city paid \$78,747.

## BOSTON INVITES DENMARK'S PRIME MINISTER HERE

The Prime Minister of Denmark will visit this country in June and will be extended an invitation to come to Boston. Yesterday, Representative

## ELY AND CURLEY TALK OVER MAYORS' PARLEY

Gov Ely and Mayor Curley held a short conference yesterday afternoon at which they discussed the conference of Mayors to be held at Washington next Friday. This conference has been called by Mayor Murphy of Detroit and Paul V. Betters, director of the American Municipal Association, to consider the situation that has arisen as a result of the creation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the failure of municipalities to receive benefits from it.

The Washington conference will attempt to bring about a liberalization of the provisions of the act creating the finance corporation in order that the municipalities may avail themselves of its advantages.

Gov Ely asked Mayor Curley to inform him what action is taken by the Mayors.

## EVACUATION DAY PARADE COST LIMITED TO \$2900

Only \$2900 will be appropriated by the city for the South Boston celebration of Evacuation Day—the great event in the lives of South Boston citizens each March 17, celebrating the departure of the British troops from that district during the Revolution. This amount is all the city can afford to appropriate now, with welfare work what it is, Mayor Curley yesterday told an Evacuation Day committee at City Hall.

Any bills exceeding this sum will have to be paid by South Boston residents, the Mayor explained.

Joseph P. Madden, whose appointment as chief marshal of the parade on the afternoon of March 17 has been confirmed by the Mayor, already is devoting his efforts in arranging for volunteer organizations to take part.

Tycho M. Peterson of Hampden County and others called on Mayor Curley, told the latter of the coming of the distinguished Dane, and the Mayor decided to extend an invitation.

## CONTRACT TO RECONDITION POLICE STEAMER O'MEARA

Mayor Curley yesterday approved a contract naming Eldredge and McInnis, marine engineers, to have charge at a 10 percent of the cost, of reconditioning the Police Department steamer Stephen O'Meara, for use by the institutions department.

## School Appointment Approved

The Civil Service appointment as clerk of works in the School Buildings Department of Neil P. Boyle, 166 Fairmount st, Dorchester, was approved by Mayor Curley yesterday. The salary is \$2300.

## EVACUATION DAY PROGRAM CURTAILED

Municipal Outlay for Annual Celebration limited to \$2900

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## KELLY FILES CITY GRAFT CHARGES

Statement Included in Probe Hearing Evidence

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The statement was sent to members of the legislative committee on rules, who heard the testimony of both sides at a hearing in Gardner Auditorium at the State House last week. At that time Kelly asked the committee to be allowed to engage in a rebuttal, but he was denied this. They told him he could present a transcript of the evidence and file a brief after the hearing had concluded.

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## Police to Have Radio

American's Campaign Wins

Radio, at last.

The police department of the City of Boston is to be equipped with the latest and most effective arm of warfare to combat the criminal gangs of the underworld and to protect the property and safety of our people.

This will be money well spent. It will enable the police quicker to dispose of the underworld denizens of crime. It will enable a larger measure of protection of the lives and property of our innocent people.

There is only one fear in the mind of the gangster and that is the fear of detection, arrest and subsequent punishment. The establishment of radio will not only result in the detection of crime; it will give to Boston the reputation which she should have, namely, that Boston is a good place for criminal gangs to avoid.

These were the thoughts which motivated the Boston Evening American in its incessant demands for the establishment of modern radio as an anti-crime instrument.

We rejoice with the good people of Boston that this campaign is now be crowned with victory, for it is their victory in the interest of law and order and decency and safety.

Mayor Curley, Councilman Ruby, to the Council as a whole, and to Commissioner Hultman the citizens at large will extend their thanks.



# THE CITY HALL VENDETTA



"MUSKETEER"  
KELLY, SAYS, THEY'RE AFTER ME -  
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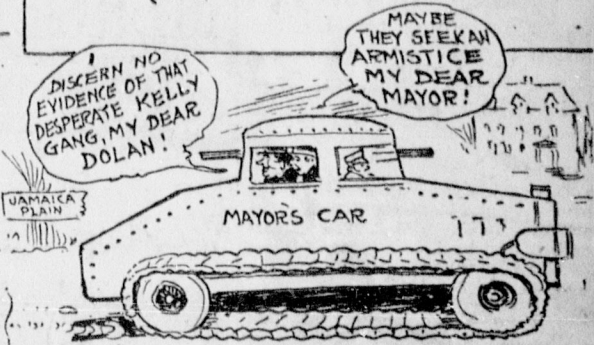
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When informed of the new report that he is slated to be Secretary of the Navy, Mayor Curley declared today, as he has said relative to previous reports, that he had no comment to make.

## Missed Shooting in Traffic Jam



MISS MARY CURLEY

## MISS CURLEY NOT AT SCENE

### Mayor's Daughter Held up by Traffic Jam in Miami

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 16—A traffic jam prevented Miss Mary Curley, daughter of Mayor Curley, from witnessing the attempted assassination of President-elect Roosevelt.

As Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago fell under the assassin's fire, Miss Curley and her friend, Miss Loretta Bremner of Chicago, were trying to reach the spot where Roosevelt spoke.

Miss Curley later telephoned to her father in Boston to assure him of her safety.

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## CURLEY TO SPEAK TO CLUB WOMEN

Mrs. Frank Leveroni, chairman of the legislative committee, will present Mayor James M. Curley as speaker at the meeting of the Boston City Federation of Women's Clubs at the Y. W. C. A., 140 Clarendon street, tomorrow morning. Mayor Curley will speak on "The Legislative Program of the City of Boston." Henry Parkman, Jr., will discuss "Some of the Important Phases of Legislation" and Walter R. Reilly, chairman of the school committee, will speak on "School Budgets."

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# NO CABINET POST TO NEW ENGLAND

Roosevelt Aids Doubt

Curley Will Get One

Gerry and Jackson Out of It—

Latter Favors Pres Hopkins

By M. E. HENNESSY

NEW YORK, Feb 15—New England's Democracy is likely to be disappointed when they read the list of Franklin D. Roosevelt's Cabinet, say officials at Democratic National Headquarters here, who think that they are in a position to know what is going on in the mind of the President-elect.

It is their opinion that no New Englander will be named for a Cabinet place.

According to the same authority, James M. Curley of Boston, who is being urged by his friends for Secretary of the Navy, is not on the slate, but he may be tendered an important position outside Massachusetts, either abroad in the diplomatic service or as head of a department at Washington, neither of which, it is claimed, attracts him.

## Gerry Wants Senate Seat

There has been talk of Ex-Senator Gerry of Rhode Island for Secretary of the Navy, but Mr Gerry's ambition is to return to the Senate. He has not taken the gossip connecting his name with the Cabinet seriously. Nor have those at headquarters, for the reason that he was an intense Smith partisan during the nomination contest. When Roosevelt was nominated, Gerry wheeled into line with the Rhode Island delegation and the State gave the ticket a rousing majority in November.

Secretary Robert Jackson of the national committee today reiterated his statement that he was not a candidate for the Cabinet and that after March 4, he plans to devote his time and energies to his private business affairs. But it is believed by the Roosevelt inner circles that he will have considerable to say about New England patronage, having been from the start close to the Roosevelt-Farley-Howe combination.

He thinks that he can be of more service to the new Administration out of office than occupying a Washington swivel chair. His main object, he told the Globe representative today, is to see that those who went into the Roosevelt movement with him in the early days of the contest for the nomination are not overlooked and preference given to the 11th-hour workers—the band wagon politicians.

## His Favorite Is Hopkins

"I have not asked Mr Roosevelt for any job," said he, "I have not bothered him with advice and have talked with him on political matters only on his invitation. I have few friends in New England who were with us in the campaign from the beginning and these I hope will not be among the forgotten men. I have made no recommendation to Mr Roosevelt for the Cabinet.

"The affairs of the Democratic party in New Hampshire are in capable hands—Robert Murchie, chairman of the State committee and Senator-Elect Fred H. Brown. They know who are deserving in the party and they can be relied upon to pick men who will meet requirements laid down by the Administration.

"If I were asked to recommend a New Hampshire man for the Cabinet, my first choice would be Ernest Martin Hopkins, president of Dartmouth College. He supported Roosevelt for President, but I doubt if he would care to give up his present high and honorable position in the educational world for a political office no matter how exalted or honorable it might be."

## ELY AND CURLEY VOICE GRATITUDE AT ESCAPE

Gov Joseph B. Ely, informed last night of the attempt on the life of President-Elect Roosevelt, said: "I am sincerely grateful the President-elect escaped injury. People throughout the country will be shocked at such an attempt."

Mayor James M. Curley said: "It is indeed fortunate for the American people that President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt was not a victim of assassin's bullets. No greater calamity could be visited upon America at the present time than the loss of such an eminently capable and inspiring leader.

"To Franklin D. Roosevelt the people of America who have been in the valley of despair for more than three years look for relief. It is difficult to understand how anyone could entertain enmity or hatred for such a cheerful, kindly and magnanimous leader of men."

## CURLEY AND PARTY LEAVE FOR CAPITAL

Mayor Curley left yesterday afternoon for Washington to assist western mayors in obtaining relief for their municipalities and also, it is believed, to confer with President-elect Roosevelt. He was accompanied by Samuel Silverman, corporation counsel; Edmund L. Dolan, city treasurer; Cornelius Reardon, his former secretary and now secretary of the street commission; and Eugene McSweeney. The mayor said he would not be back at the City Hall until Monday morning.

## CURLEY SENDS WIRE AS HE STARTS SOUTH

Mayor Learns Daughter  
Almost Had Seat in Stand

After sending a telegram to President-Elect Roosevelt congratulating him upon his escape from death at the hands of an assassin, Mayor James M. Curley left Boston yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Washington.

The Mayor's visit to Washington is primarily to aid Mayors of Western municipalities to obtain relief, but it is believed that before he returns he will call upon President-Elect Roosevelt, possibly to discuss Federal patronage in Massachusetts.

The Mayor's telegram read: "In common with every citizen interested in America, I rejoice that Almighty God, in his mercy, was fit to preserve you for the good of the people of America from the bullet of an assassin."

The Mayor received a long-distance call yesterday from his daughter, Mary Curley, who is in Miami with her friends, the Misses Bremner of Chicago, and learned for the first time that they narrowly missed being in the line of fire.

Miss Curley and her friends had been promised tickets to sit in the grandstand, but a delay in delivering them to their hotel upset their program. When the tickets failed to arrive, Miss Curley and her friends motored to the Roosevelt reception and were delayed again in traffic and found all seats occupied.

Miss Curley told her father that yesterday she visited Mr Roosevelt at his quarters in Miami and that he greeted her by name and kissed her.

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While the Mayor and his party are expected back in Boston tomorrow, Mayor Curley announced that he would not return to City Hall until next Monday morning.

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## Curley Relieved by Daughter's Call

### Miss Mary Phones Mayor of Miami Experience — Greeted with Kiss by Roosevelt

Mayor Curley left the city this afternoon en route for Washington for appearance before the Reconstruction Finance Corporation tomorrow with a sense of relief that only failure to obtain tickets on time prevented his daughter, Miss Mary Curley, from being within possible range of the assassin's bullets at Miami, Fla., from which President-elect Roosevelt escaped.

In a telephone conversation with her father this morning, Miss Curley told the mayor that she applied to the office of the mayor of Miami for platform tickets to hear the President-elect's remarks at Bayfront Park and, failing to receive them on time at her hotel, she motored to the park. Delayed by a traffic snarl, she did not reach the scene of the shooting until the victims, including Mayor Cermak of Chicago, accompanied by Governor Roosevelt, had been taken to the hospital.

Ruminating on the Miami events, the mayor said he had definite cause for

relief in that his daughter's planned presence near the President-elect could well have been in the danger zone. The mayor also smilingly reflected that, if his vacation plans to accompany his daughter on the West Indies cruise she has just completed had not been abandoned, he certainly would have been on the platform and very likely near Mayor Cermak.

The mayor also stated that in her conversation his daughter told him she had talked with President-elect this morning, at first being held from an audience only to be admitted when she showed guards one of the mayor's official cards, which proved an "Open Sesame," as he explained it.

As the mayor recalled his daughter's account of her call upon the President-elect, the latter said, upon seeing her:

"Hello, Mary, what are you doing down here. Come here." Then, the mayor said, Governor Roosevelt placed his arm about her and kissed her.

The mayor related the circumstance with customary modesty, but with no reserve in his display of fatherly pride.

The mayor departed on the 3.30 o'clock train for New York, but did not indicate whether he planned any extensive stop-over in that city before continuing his trip to Washington where he is scheduled to appear before the Reconstruction Finance Corporation at 10.30 o'clock tomorrow morning in behalf of the larger cities of the country which are seeking Federal aid to relieve their financial problems. It is possible that the mayor may include in his plans a call upon Chairman Farley of the Democratic National Committee while in New York, but he gave no hint of any such intention. He expects to return to Boston Saturday or Sunday.

## Curley Rejoices at Roosevelt's Escape

Mayor James M. Curley at his noon press conference announced that he had sent the following telegram to the President-elect:

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## NEW ENGLANDER FOR NAVY POST

### Curley's Chances of Getting Berth Improved

WASHINGTON, Feb 16 (A. P.)—Prospects of a New Englander receiving a place in the Cabinet of President Roosevelt, brightened this week as political guessers again swung the spotlight on Cabinet possibilities in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

If a secretaryship does fall to New England, every indication is that it will be the naval portfolio, now held by Charles Francis Adams of Massachusetts.

In this connection the name of Mayor James M. Curley has bobbed up again and New England observers here think his chances of winning the berth have increased considerably. Those looking at the picture from a national viewpoint, however, see in Ex-Senator Peter Gerry of Rhode Island the best prospect for the navy secretaryship, so far as New England is concerned.

And, away off on the Cabinet horizon, Archibald McNeil, Democratic national committeeman in Connecticut, occasionally is mentioned as a possible successor to Secretary Adams.

Here in Washington shrewd political observers reason that if Senator Carter Glass of Virginia declines the post of Secretary of Treasury, his colleague, Senator Swanson, would appear the most likely choice for Secretary of the Navy. If Glass accepts the Cabinet position, they believe, Swanson will be eliminated and Ex-Senator Gerry will stand out among the possibilities.

The political future of Mayor Curley remains a favorite topic of political gossip among Bay Staters here. That he will be rewarded for his early espousal of, and steadfast adherence to the Roosevelt cause, no one doubts but neither can anyone be found who will profess to any degree of knowledge as to what this reward will be.

Rumor still places him alternately in the "little Cabinet," probably as Assistant Secretary of Treasury in charge of construction, and in the diplomatic service, possibly as Minister to the Irish Free-State.

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## MAYOR CURLEY HITS U. S. UNPREPAREDNESS

### Talks at "Remember the Maine" Meeting of U. S. W. V.

Stirring his audience of Spanish War veterans, Mayor Curley, in Faneuil Hall last night, sounded an alarm of "the military unpreparedness now gripping the United States" and urged the necessity for "an adequate national defense which will secure the continued peace and sovereignty of this country."

The Mayor cited the unpreparedness in which the Spanish-American War found this country and "the price we paid then."

He charged that, "notwithstanding the Spanish-American War, the World War found us in exactly the same state of military unpreparedness."

"We have not yet learned our lesson. Secretary of the Navy Adams recently said that our navy is inferior to Great Britain and Japan. If this is true—and who would dispute Mr. Adams—it is about time that we learned, as a debtor Nation with scant possibility of ever collecting, that we must build a navy superior to any other in the world. This is especially fitting because we have a practically undefended coast, greater than any other five major Powers."

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Lieut. Col. Emmet R. Harris, U. S. A., declared that, of all the great Nations save China, the United States is the most unarmed.

Capt. Byron McCandles, U. S. N., urged the necessity for giving the Navy "adequate tools, not antiquated ships and guns."

The presiding officer was George S. Hazlett, treasurer of the Boston Municipal Council.

David King, 91-year-old senior vice commander of the State Department of the G. A. R., made a short speech, also calling for more ample realization of our need for military readiness.

At 9:45—the hour the battleship Maine was blown into bits in Havana Harbor in '98 and thus precipitated the Spanish-American War—the lights of Faneuil Hall were dimmed and buglers sounded "Taps."

Department Pres. Katherine O'Keefe of the U. S. W. V. Auxiliary brought greetings.

# FORCES UNITE FOR CITY PROBE

## Nominally Discordant Fac- tions Favor Bangs Bill Form of Inquiry

By RICHARD O. BOYER

A huge segment of powerful public opinion, including the Boston Chamber of Commerce, the Boston Real Estate Exchange, the municipal research bureau and other civic organizations, is marshalling its forces behind the principle of an exhaustive legislative investigation of the city of Boston with its primary object as tax relief.

These organizations, augmented by the Massachusetts Real Estate Owners Association with a membership of 10,000, the Massachusetts Tax Association and probably the Good Government Association will appear on March 2, it was learned yesterday, before the legislative committee on cities.

There they will advocate that form of city investigation outlined in the so-called Bangs bill. Seldom, it was said yesterday, have so many nominally discordant groups and factions united in the demand for a city house cleaning with its purpose the substantial relief of the taxpayer.

Mrs. Hannah M. Connors, who yesterday wrote a letter chiding Speaker Leverett Saltonstall for his remarks depreciating investigations in general before the state Republican Club, caused a surprise last night when she said she and her militant and numerically powerful organization would favor the Bangs bill.

She explained that the Massachusetts Real Estate Owners' Association, was not abandoning its advocacy of the petition for an investigation now before the legislative rules committee. It was merely, she said, that her organization was in favor of any investigation which would provide relief for the overburdened taxpayer.

### VARIED GROUPS IN ACCORD

Mrs. Connors's statement brings into agreement, after months of debate, every important tax reform organization in Boston. As a result, for perhaps the first time in Boston's history, the so-called high brows and low brows are in apparent agreement and will attempt to work together toward tax and charter reform. Such prominent and able figures as George R. Nutter, Bentley Warren and Alexander White-side are expected to work with Mrs. Connors and her indignant, aggressive—and often uneducated—taxpayers toward a common goal.

The petition of Francis R. Bangs, which was drawn after repeated conferences of civic leaders at the Chamber of Commerce, provides for the appointment of a new finance commission with definite, specific instructions calling for an exhaustive investigation of the city government. The commission's investigation, as defined by the bill, would consist of fact finding and recommendations for changes in charter and the

mechanics of municipal government rather than the exposure of graft upon the part of individuals.

While the petition emphasizes the study and recommendation of structural changes in the government, many of those favoring it hope that the new chairman of the finance commission would be sufficiently aggressive to freely use his power of subpoena for persons and bank accounts. Many favoring the petition believe that the proposed bill would lead to a far more thorough exposure of graft and corruption than

would be possible in an inquiry motivated by political animus. It is agreed, however, that the scope and character of the inquiry would be determined by the character of the new chairman of the recreated finance commission.

### IN PUBLIC INTEREST

The petition stipulates that the new commission would be "directed to make a study of the structure, finances, powers and administration of the government of the city of Boston and the county of Suffolk, for the purpose of determining what changes therein shall be made in the public interest. The commission shall consider the government of the city and the government of the county in their relation one to the other as well as the relation of each to the government of the commonwealth. It shall investigate the possibility of greater economy and efficiency in the administration by the consolidation of departments both of the city and the county and by a reallocation of departments, officials and government functions among the city, the county and the commonwealth so as to avoid duplication of effort and expense."

The commission would be further ordered to determine to what extent it is "advisable to provide for the removal of the mayor, the members of the city council and other officials by appropriate procedure."

The commission would also, under the terms of the proposed bill, be specifically ordered to investigate the office of the mayor, the city council, the school committee, the police commissioner, the city auditor, the members of the board of assessors, and "the several county officers." Offices and duties would be investigated rather than individuals, however.

Other subjects of inquiry would be "the present accounting and budget systems and other financial methods of the city of Boston and of the county of Suffolk; the regulation of purchases and contracts; methods of acquiring property for public improvements; the limit prescribed by law upon city appropriations; and the limit imposed by law upon the incurring of city debt."

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Mrs. Connor's rebuke to Speaker Saltonstall also invited him to speak before a mass meeting of taxpayers to be held at 2:30 P. M. Sunday in Tremont Temple.

### LETTER OF MRS. CONNORS

Her letter read in part:

The officers of our association were disheartened when they read an extract from your speech at the Hotel Brunswick. We had counted on your standing steadfast for the principle that municipal officials must account to the people and also that you and your committee would recognize the constitutional provision that the citizens have a right to look to the Legislature for redress for their grievances.

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[Special Dispatch to The Herald]

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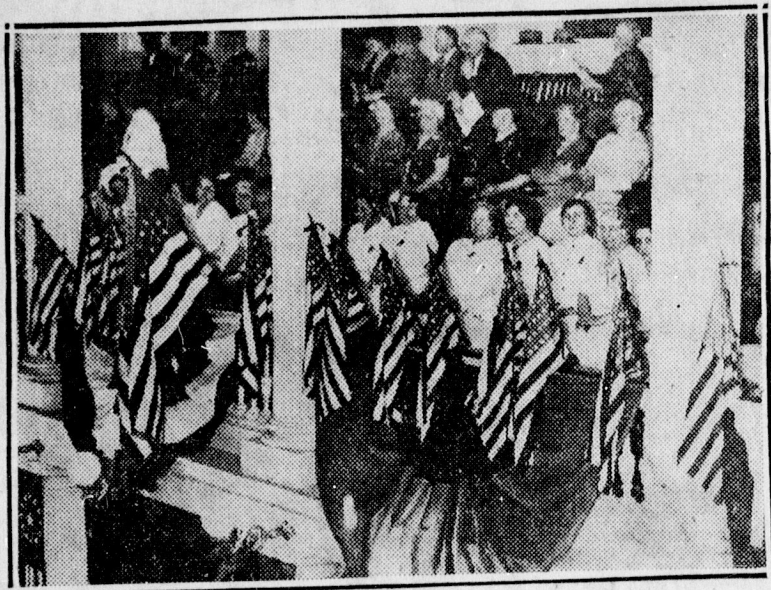
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The mayor declared, however, that he was going to Washington to attend the conference of mayors, called by Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit to discuss finances and other municipal problems. He had no comment to make on the federal appointment report.

A despatch from New York said that Mayor Curley was scheduled in New York tomorrow with James A. Farley, Democratic national chairman.

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## TAXI DANCING BAN ORDERED BY CURLEY

### Threatens Revocation of License for Violation

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## CURLEY'S RECORD ASSURES HE IS OF CABINET CALIBRE



Mayor Curley and President-elect Roosevelt in an intimate pose snapped during recent presidential campaign during which the mayor was an ardent Roosevelt worker.

The Associated Press reports that Mayor James M. Curley, of Boston, may be the Secretary of the Navy in Franklin D. Roosevelt's Cabinet.

The country has ample reasons for hoping that this will prove true.

New England deserves representation in the Roosevelt Cabinet, and in selecting Mayor Curley for the navy portfolio, the new President will be making a commendable choice.

Mayor Curley's own long record in public office gives assurance that he will make an excellent secretary of the navy. His vigorous patriotism, with the backing of a patriotic Democratic administration, may be confidently relied upon to save the navy yards—not only the navy yards of the New England coast, but those of the whole nation—from the ruinous attacks of the false-economy cohorts in Washington.

On a broader scale, every branch of the naval service needs the strengthening which Mayor Curley's appointment as secretary would give to naval policies. For years the internationalists and the "Little Navy" politicians have been scuttling the American fleet. Mayor Curley's militant Americanism is vitally needed to save the navy from extinction and to make our first line of defense what it should be.



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## 'Taxi' Dancing, Hostesses, Banned In Boston by Order of Mayor Curley

Dance hall hostesses were barred from Boston yesterday by Mayor Curley. In an order carrying threat of immediate revocation of the license of any dance hall defying the regulation, the mayor ruled that no "ten cents a dance" resort will be tolerated in the city.

His decision forced the abandonment of the plan of unnamed promoters to inaugurate taxi dancing in a Huntington avenue hall, tomorrow night. They have been advertising for "100 beautiful women to act as hostesses."

As soon as his attention was called to the advertisement, the mayor acted. He asserted with emphasis that no such dance halls would be operated in Boston and to make his authority recognized, he broadcast a statement to all "owners, operators or managers of dance halls and ball rooms" in which

he threatened revocation of licenses for any taxi dancing.

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The 10 cents a dance scheme, was popularized in New York. Male patrons choose from a line of hostesses the partners they desire and of the dime which is paid for each dance, the hostess receives a nickel.

### Conference

of mayors in Washington drew Mayor Curley there yesterday. He is shown above before entraining with City Treasurer Edmund Dolan, left, Eugene McSweeney, second right, and Samuel Silverman, corporation counsel.



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## BOSTON'S OFFICIAL HOSTESS ENJOYS BALM OF SUNNY SOUTH



MISS MARY CURLEY

The Mayor's daughter is seen here on the beach at Miami, where she is stopping at the Roney Plaza Hotel, after a West Indies cruise. Her arrival coincided with that of President-Elect Roosevelt, by whom she was warmly greeted with a paternal kiss. Miss Curley just missed being in the grandstand during the shooting by the fact that she was delayed in traffic.

## MAYOR TO SEEK AID FOR CITIES

Goes to Washington to  
Appear Before  
R. F. C.

With the inauguration of President-elect Roosevelt but two weeks away, Mayor Curley, on departing yesterday for Washington, maintained strict silence regarding persistent reports that he was slated to succeed Charles Francis Adams of this city as Secretary of the Navy in the new Cabinet.

### IN BEHALF OF OTHER CITIES

Despatches carried by the news services throughout the country yesterday added credence to the convictions held by supporters of the Mayor since last November when a group of admirers presented him with a birthday cake, bearing the legend "To the next Secretary of the Navy."

This is the one post that has been consistently discussed by the Mayor's closest friends, while those distant from the throne have suggested such other positions as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Governor-general of the Philippines and a number of diplomatic offices.

### Dolan and Silverman Go Along

The Mayor stated that he was going to Washington on invitation of Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit to appeal to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in behalf of a large number of American cities in financial distress, which number, he said, did not include Boston.

On the trip he is accompanied by City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan, who has been mentioned for the post of Federal Income Tax Collector at Boston; Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, and Secretary Cornelius A. Reardon of the Street Commission.

### Meet Daughter There

At Washington the Mayor expects to meet his daughter, Miss Mary E. Curley, who is on her way home from Miami, Fla., with her college classmate, Miss Laurretta Bremner of Chicago.

The Mayor is scheduled to return to his City Hall desk next Monday morning.

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# MAYOR BARS TAXI-DANCE FROM CITY

## Dance Hall Owners to Lose Licenses if They Disobey

Taxi-dancing was barred from Boston last night when Mayor Curley learned that a Back Bay resort was distributing hand bills promising to supply "100 of Boston's most beautiful girls" Saturday night for men partners who wanted to learn to trip the light fantastic.

### DRASTIC PENALTY

When one of the handbills found its way to City Hall, Mayor Curley directed City Censor Stanton R. White to revoke the license of any dance hall or ballroom that permits taxi-dancing or attempts to furnish girl dancing partners.

To the owners, operators and managers of dance halls and ballrooms throughout the city, the city censor last night delivered the Mayor's new order, together with a copy of the censorship regulations governing dance halls.

The newest order signed by the Mayor himself reads:

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The other regulations which must be observed by the dance licensees are:

1-The hall must be fully lighted at all times during the progress of a dance.

2-Smoking is prohibited except in rooms reserved for smoking.

3-A matron shall be in attendance and in charge of the ladies' room.

4-One, or as many more police officers, as may be deemed necessary by the commanding officer of the division, shall be in attendance at all public dances.

5-Minors under 17 years of age shall be admitted to the dance hall only when accompanied by parent or guardian.

6-Tables or chairs used for check lists must not be placed in corridors or on stairways so as to block egress from the hall.

7-Pass-out checks must not be issued.

8-All emergency exits including the entries and stairways of such exits, shall be properly lighted while the hall is in use.

9-Patrons must refrain from indulging in dancing that may be construed as improper.

10-Disorderly persons are liable to arrest for "disturbing a public assembly."

11-Dancing must cease at 2 a. m. on week days and 11:45 p. m. on Saturdays.

12-Under instructions of the directors of the Musicians' Union, orchestras are directed to cease playing should the representative of the Mayor see fit to order such cessation of playing.

13-All seats in public halls, while said hall is occupied by an audience, shall be secured in such manner as will be satisfactory to the building commissioner of the city of Boston.

14-Persons removing or defacing this notice will be prosecuted.

15-This notice must be posted in a conspicuous place in the hall.

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

### No Taxi-Dancing Here

There is no hall in New England, as far as Greater Boston ballroom experts know, in which the so-called taxi-dancing is taking place at present.

Back Bay and Revere managers of big ballrooms said the reason for this is that there are plenty of girls to go around in this locality. If a man is presentable and a good dancer he can find plenty of girls to dance with him around Boston, the managers said.

There are no halls of the taxi variety nearer than New York city, they said. The reason for this is that New York, they said, has a population of men coming there for business reasons and the girls are supplied by the halls because of the demand for partners. Since this situation does not exist here, there are no taxi dancers. They said that the same crowd generally attends dances hereabouts and there are few wall-flowers.

# POLICE EXPENSE IS UNDER FIRE

## City Council to Probe Cost Of 'Blinker' System for Past Two Years

## MEMBERS AGAINST GRANT OF \$300,000

An investigation of the operation of the mobile patrol units of the police department and inquiry into expenditures in the past two years for the installation of the "blinker" system, Police Commissioner Hultman's hobby, will be made by the city council next week in connection with consideration of an appropriation order of \$300,000 for police communications systems.

Unless the attitude of a majority of the council is shifted by Commissioner Hultman, who is to be asked to explain why he utilized a fund of \$8000 provided in 1931 for an expert investigation of radio equipment for a comprehensive study of the entire communications system of the department, only enough money for a radio system will be allowed this year.

### SET COST \$30

It is possible that Hultman will be required to explain why the police cannot temporarily utilize the short wave broadcasting equipment of the fire department for police alarms. Despite the criticisms of Hultman of the inadequate power of the fire department equipment, councilmen have been told by Fire Commissioner McLaughlin, in whose car there is a short wave receiving set which cost \$30, that his aide encounters no difficulty in receiving every alarm which registers at fire alarm headquarters.

Similar sets are installed in the cars of Fire Chief Fox and other department officials and the "dead spots" in the city, about which Commissioner Hultman has complained, have not been bothersome to the fire chiefs.

"Of course there are a certain number of dead spots," said Fire Commissioner McLaughlin last night, "but my car, when driven at reasonable speed, traverses such spots in less time than it takes me to tell of them. We never miss an alarm and as police alarms are usually repeated I conceive of no particular difficulties created by these dead spots."

### SENTIMENT AGAINST \$300,000

If the information which Commissioner Hultman recently gave Mayor Curley and which has been transmitted to the council is repeated at next week's hearing, councilmen will ask why police patrol cars are not cruisers instead of "dead cars" located at vantage points in proximity to signal boxes equipped with "blinkers."

There is no sentiment in the council favorable to approval of the appropriation of \$300,000 which Hultman wants for radio equipment, cable extensions and the installation of the "recall" system which, through connections from signal boxes to switchboards in station houses, would permit of wire communication between any two boxes in the city and between any station or department headquarters and any box.



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The group asked for liberalization of the reconstruction act to permit loans to cities back by municipal refunding bonds, tax anticipation warrants and tax delinquency notes.

Chairman Norbeck said the committee could not give a "ready answer" to the appeals; but wanted to help "if it could without getting deeper and deeper into

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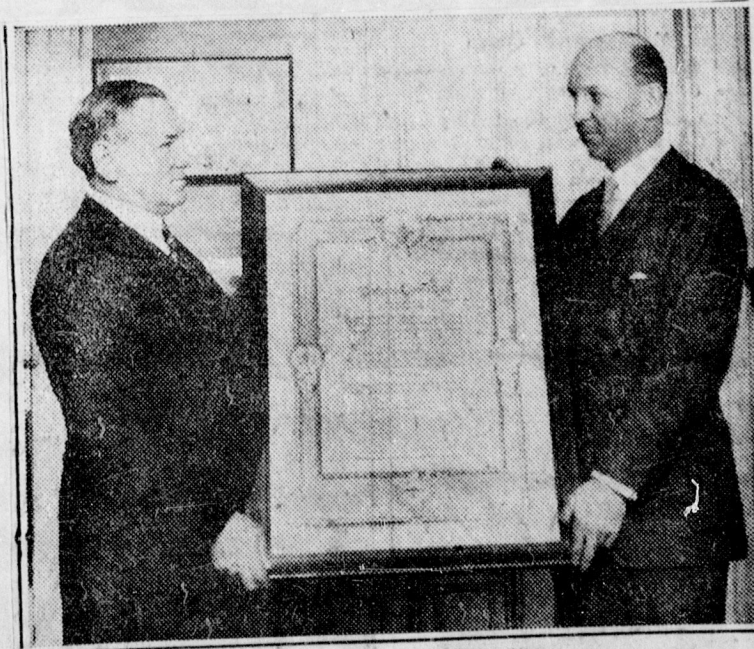
## Mayor Curley in Washington



(Photo by A. P., Boston Traveler)

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BOSTON'S COOLIDGE MEMORIAL SENT TO NORTHAMPTON  
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(Globe staff photo)

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# CURLEY IN PLEA FOR R. F. C. LOANS

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### To Pledge Taxes for Loans

A third important feature of the resolution provides that the Reconstruction Corporation purchase tax anticipation warrants of municipalities.

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### Boston Aid \$12,000,000

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"We may as well face the fact that we are not emerging from the depression. There is more unemployment, there are more on the charity rolls than at any time in the history of this depression. Last year we appealed to Congress to save the people from starvation, this year we are here to appeal for the preservation of the integrity of the units that make up our Government."

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Mayor Curley said the city of Boston has \$30,000,000 of its securities invested in Chicago, Detroit, New York and other cities, and unless those cities are assisted Boston will be injured. Citing figures showing one out of every three persons in Detroit were being aided, Curley said, "that's too many. When the time comes that we have more unemployed than employed, the Government ceases to function, and we are approaching that. The city of Boston has economized to the limit. The budget about to be announced, will provide \$5,500,000 less than the 1932 budget. Half of this saving will come out of voluntary contributions by city employees, the other half through restrictions on the purchase equipment."

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## FEDERAL AID REGARDED AS ONLY CHANCE

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Boston Mayor Named Vice-President of Permanent Organization of Executives

(Photo on Picture Page)

Washington, Feb. 18—Mayor James M. Curley of Boston today urged the Senate banking committee to broaden the powers of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., to permit loans to municipalities to aid in relieving distress.

In presenting the resolution adopted yesterday by the national conference of mayors, Mayor Curley emphasized the need for quick action.

Asked by Senator Lewis (D.) of Illinois whether he would include the proposed St. Lawrence waterway in his public works project, Mayor Curley said:

"If you ask my personal opinion, I am opposed to it because I think it would seal every New England port."

### SEES DOLL PERIL

Curley warned should the time come when the unemployed outnumber the employed the government would "cease to function."

"We could have prosperity today without exporting any goods if we hadn't destroyed the wage scale and put through so-called economies that prevented man's hiring his labor," Curley said. "We are dragging the American people under the dole."

Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit said the R. F. C. should hear the appeal of the cities before lending money to big business.

### HELPED THE BANKERS

The Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, Dan W. Hoan, outlined a stiff fight against the forces of depression by Milwaukee, and said things had "gone along well until this year."

## AT MAYORS' MEETING IN CAPITAL



(Boston Herald-Associated Press Photo)

Among the mayors of the larger cities who gathered in Washington to discuss means of getting relief for the needy were, left to right: Mayors James M. Curley of Boston, Frank Murphy of Detroit, and Howard Jackson of Baltimore.

## STATEMENT OF MAYOR

Office of the Mayor,

City Hall,

Feb. 16, 1933.

To the Editor of The Herald:

I cannot speak too highly of the page of scout news which The Sunday Herald has started. While the ideals of the scout movement are always deserving of the highest and widest praise, it is especially in times like the present that they should be brought more forcibly before the public.

I believe that there could not be devised a more effective means of inculcating in young minds a basic conception of citizenship than in this way.

May I congratulate you on this undertaking and wish you every success.

Sincerely,

JAMES M. CURLEY,  
Mayor

Appearance of the mayors marked the close of a two-day session of discussions of municipal problems, during which the mayors perfected a permanent organization to be known as the United States Conference of Mayors. Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit, was named president and Mayor J. M. Curley of Boston, vice-president.

At the close of the hearing Senator Norbeck (R.) of South Dakota, the chairman, said the committee was "sympathetic" to the problems of the cities, but could not promise to recommend the legislation they sought "until we can see our way clear." Mayor Curley sought in addition a \$5,000,000,000 public works program to provide work for the unemployed and increase circulation of money.



**BOSTON'S CURLEY TAKES A PART**, a big part, in conference of 40 mayors called by red-headed Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit (center), in Washington, to draft appeal to Reconstruction Finance Corporation for loans to cities. With them is Mayor Jackson of Baltimore.

International News Photo.

## McGRATH TO PRESIDE AT EXERCISES TODAY

Annual Washington - Lincoln  
Commemoration to Be Held  
At Faneuil Hall

Acting Mayor Joseph McGrath will preside in Faneuil Hall at 3 this afternoon at the annual Washington-Lincoln commemorative exercises under the auspices of the public celebrations department of the city.

The acting mayor will be presented by Henry L. Lazarus, chairman of the citizens' public celebrations association. The Rev. Fr. Michael J. Ahern, S. J., will deliver the oration.

Invocation will be by the Rev. S. L. Laviscount of St. Mark's Congregational Church, Roxbury, and benediction by the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah F. Minihan.

George Curley, son of the mayor, will read a tribute to Lincoln written by the mayor; excerpts from Washington's farewell address will be given by Joseph M. Foley of Boston Latin school, the Gettysburg address of Lincoln will be delivered by Audrey R. McKinney of Charlestown high school and Lincoln's soliloquy by William B. Mirkin of English high school.

A vocal solo by Miss M. Dorothea Leary and selections by the Boston Public Schools Symphony orchestra conducted by Joseph F. Wagner will complete the program which will be broadcast by WNAC.

THE SWEET MEZZO SOPRANO voice of Sheila O'Donovan Rossa is helping mightily in making the Boston Emergency Relief drive a success.



Miss Sheila has sung in every ward in Boston the campaign ballad "The Mother's Prayer," softening the hearts of her audiences and spurring the solicitors on to greater efforts.

Mayor Curley is especially pleased with her efforts, as she is one of his official office efforts.

Miss Sheila also is known as Miss Television and sings over the International short wave television station every Friday night.



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# MAYORS AT CAPITOL GIVEN HEARING ON AID

## Curley on Committee Before Senators — Agreement For Vote on Relief Tomorrow



MAYOR JAMES M. CURLEY ADDRESSING MAYORS' CONFERENCE  
AT WASHINGTON.

Others in Photograph Are. Left to Right—Mayor Frank Murphy, Detroit; Mayor Howard Jackson, Baltimore; Mayor Ray Miller, Cleveland; Mayor Daniel Hoan, Milwaukee; Mayor T. S. Wamsler, New Orleans.

WASHINGTON, Feb 18 (A. P.)—The Senate's onrushing momentum of the last week today carried it near a vote on the vast program for giving succor to the unemployed.

Shortly before an agreement was reached to vote on the relief proposal Monday at 4:30 p. m., Mayor-spokesmen for 40 large cities pleaded with the Senate Banking Committee for legislative aid to prevent default on municipal debts.

The majority sentiment on the unemployment problem apparently indicated approval for the Wagner Bill expanding by \$300,000,000 the existing Reconstruction Corporation fund for destitution relief loans to States and cities and removing the self-liquidating restrictions on public improvement projects which may be financed by loans from the Corporation's \$1,500,000,000 construction fund.

### Vote on Self-Liquidating

This measure of Senator Wagner, Dem. of New York, was proposed as a substitute for the La Follette-Costigan bill providing \$500,000,000 as an outright grant for unemployment and destitution relief.

Part of the Wagner program—that permitting loans for "needful projects in the public interest" and removing the self-liquidating requirement—was approved yesterday, but Senator Costigan, Dem. of Colorado, today obtained reconsideration to offer a minor amendment.

With this opening the Wagner liberalization proposal was subjected to further attack from Senators King, Utah, and Gore, Oklahoma, Democrats.

### Warning on "Sea of Trouble"

King warned the Nation was "embarking upon a sea of trouble" and said the amendment would "open the door for dangerous invasions of the Treasury."

Gore said the Government "had embarked on that policy long ago," and added the belief "we are deliberately destroying the credit of the United States."

"Credit is to a Nation what honor is to a man and chastity is to a woman," Gore asserted. "We are deliberately destroying it."

"I am sure no State would apply for a loan except that the burden was too heavy to bear," Wagner interrupted. King disagreed, saying the State of New York "with all its wealth ought to be able to cope with the situation."

### To Help Cities If Possible

On behalf of the large cities of the Nation, Mayors Frank Murphy of Detroit, James M. Curley of Boston and Dan W. Hoan of Milwaukee and Controller M. S. Szymczak of Chicago appeared before a specially-arranged meeting of the Banking Committee to present their resolutions approved yesterday at a downtown conference.

The group cited financial difficulties of a number of cities, and recommended changes in the Reconstruction Act to permit loans to cities on municipal refunding bonds, tax anticipation warrants and tax delinquency notes.

Chairman Norbeck told the group he could not give them a "ready answer" on behalf of the committee, as only a few members were present.

He did say, however, that the committee wanted to help "if it could without getting deeper and deeper into a situation where we can't see our way out."

"There is sufficient wealth in this Nation," the South Dakota Republican said, "and it is just a question of coordination and putting our great natural resources to work."

After getting reconsideration of the Wagner amendment adopted yesterday, Costigan obtained approval of a change to permit loans by the R. F. C. to private corporations for self-liquidating urban water systems and irrigation projects.

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# POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

By JOHN D. MERRILL

It is not so clear as it seemed to be at the opening of the session of the Massachusetts Legislature that the bill to cut the salaries of the State employees will be enacted into law. The general assumption was that the members of the General Court would first reduce their own pay and then go on to take a slice off the remuneration of the others on the State payroll. That earlier guess may prove, after all, to have been right, but its correctness cannot now be assumed. The majority of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means will probably vote for a reduction of salaries, but there will be a minority report and, without doubt, a hard fight on the floor of the House.

The incidents of the past few weeks have demonstrated again how difficult it is to save much money in the expenses of government. Gov Ely recommended in his budget message to the Legislature the abandonment of several State activities, namely, the Industrial Commission, the Division on Necessaries of Life, the Division of Immigration and Americanization, the Division of Examination of Prisoners, and the Hyannis and North Adams Teachers' Colleges. As might have been expected, the friends of each of those departments have rallied to its support and attempted to prove that its elimination would be an unwise step even in these days of depression. These forces combined will make a considerable showing in the Legislature and perhaps defeat the Governor's recommendations.

There is also difference of opinion in regard to the proposed reductions in salaries. It is true that most of the employees of private concerns have had their pay cut, and that they probably think State employees also should bear their share of the prevailing depression. Every argument used against the proposed State reductions has been presented without much avail in private cases. It is likely that unless the members of the Legislature reduce their own salaries they will hear from their constituents in the next election.

Nevertheless, this question, like others, has two sides. Private employers have had to reduce the pay of their employees or else go out of business. The State at the moment does not face that dilemma. It is argued that the State should go as far as possible in protecting its employees who receive small salaries and thus do what it can to maintain the buying power of the community. These are some of the facts and theories which the Legislative committee must face in its deliberations.

## The Boston Elevated

Representatives of labor organizations, arguing at the State House last

week against the bill to reduce State salaries, called attention to the Boston Elevated Railway act, under which the cities and towns in the Metropolitan Transportation district must make up the operating deficits of that company so that the holders of its stock may receive annual dividends of \$5 per share, and said that provision was a much greater burden on the community than the wages and salaries now paid the employees of the State.

The Boston Elevated bill which was adopted two years or so ago may, or may not, have been bad legislation, but, whichever it was, labor, as that term is ordinarily used, was in large measure responsible for its passage. The people of the district had the opportunity to express their choice among three methods of managing this transportation system: first, private ownership and public operation under a board of trustees; second, public ownership; third, private ownership and operation under the supervision of the State Department of Public Utilities. In the referendum the first of these three plans received more votes than either of the others, and it was common knowledge that the vote for public operation was made up in large part of what are commonly called labor votes. To that extent, labor had its share in bringing about the conditions which now exist.

If these labor votes had been cast for either public ownership or private operation one of those two methods would doubtless have been incorporated into law by the Legislature, and the taxpayers of the Transportation District would not now have the burden of meeting the deficits of the company for the benefit of its shareholders.

The act continuing public operation of the Elevated was passed by the General Court and signed by the Governor because more voters wanted that method than either of the others. The best legal opinion is that the act, having been adopted by the Legislature and approved by the shareholders of the company, is a contract between the State and the corporation and cannot be voided without the consent of the two parties to it. If that is the case, the cities and towns in the district can apparently do nothing but carry out the provisions of the law and pay their part of the deficits which may arise in the next 25 years or so. Talking about it will not accomplish much. There is hope, of course, that improvement in general business will favorably affect the Boston Elevated and enable it to operate without deficit.

## Federal Appointments

James A. Farley, chairman of the Democratic national committee, who will probably have more influence than any one else in the distribution of Federal patronage under the incoming national Administration, has let it be

come known that he will recommend Joseph A. Maynard of this city for collector of the port. Thus that office seems to have been disposed of. Mr Farley has also been quoted as saying frankly that Democrats who supported Gov Roosevelt in the campaign for the election of delegates to the recent national convention will in general have preference over others in appointments to office.

The latter statement will be cheering to the relatively small group of Democrats in Massachusetts who fought for the Roosevelt delegates in this State, but were rather badly beaten in the primary. It begins to look as though they might reap their reward.

Most of the practical politicians have believed from the beginning that President-Elect Roosevelt and his closest advisers would take the attitude outlined by Mr Farley. Those leaders who carried the Roosevelt banner to success in their States will doubtless receive more consideration than those who made the fight and lost, but the latter will not be neglected.

The application of the policy set forth by Mr Farley will be watched with interest in Massachusetts, where Mayor Curley of this city was in the forefront of the campaign for Gov Roosevelt. No one expects that Gov Ely, Senator Walsh and Senator Coolidge, who backed the Smith delegation here, will be treated without consideration. They will have influence, because Gov Ely is the Massachusetts member of the Democratic national committee, and the two Senators will pass on the nominations sent in by the President; but Mr Farley's statement seems to imply that their recommendations will have less weight than they would have had if they had backed Gov Roosevelt.

The politicians would like to know what Mayor Curley is talking about during his trip to Washington, and whether he will bring back assurances that he can count on a place in the Cabinet. Most people here doubt that he will be so fortunate as that, but a well-known Democrat offered yesterday to bet that the Mayor would have a seat in the Cabinet before the expiration of Mr Roosevelt's term even if not at the beginning. It has been suggested that Ex-Senator Peter G. Gerry of Rhode Island may be appointed Secretary of the Navy at the beginning of the new Administration, with the expectation of resigning so that he can run for the Senate in 1934.



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# MUST SACRIFICE TO GIVE SERVICE

## Fr. Ahern Says Nothing Worthwhile Gained Without It—Curley's Son Speaks for Him



DELIVERING WASHINGTON ORATION

The Rev. Michael J. Ahern, S. J., of Weston College, as he was delivering the Washington oration at exercises in Faneuil Hall.

Nothing worth while can be gained without suffering and sacrifice, especially in the public service. This was the declaration, yesterday afternoon in Faneuil Hall, by the Rev. Michael J. Ahern, S. J., of Weston College, orator at the Washington-Lincoln commemorative exercises under the auspices of the city of Boston.

### WASHINGTON SUFFERED

"George Washington, although born of aristocracy, was a man of the people," Father Ahern said. "And, more important he was not a demagogue. You know a servant of the people must suffer if he is to carry out his duties of public office conscientiously and bravely. There never in history has been a man who has not suffered in public office, by so acting.

them what is possible in humans. They can and do serve as inspirations to us. They show us something of an encouraging and inspiring nature that tends to bring us out of the indifferent, unambitious or lethargic mood in which we often repose."

Another feature of the exercises was the reading of "A Tribute to Lincoln," written by Mayor Curley, by the Mayor's son, George Curley. The Rev. Samuel L. Laviscount, pastor of St. Mark's Congregational Church, Roxbury, delivered the invocation, and the Rev. Jeremiah F. Minihan, D.D., of the chancellor's office of the archdiocese of Boston gave the benediction.

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"The reason for this is that people are of different temperaments. In fact there are some who can even think so cloudily that they can't even see the issue. Washington suffered. He suffered most when giving his most. To achieve anything worthwhile one must suffer. Washington suffered the same arch difficulties we know—depression, inflation, sectional differences and an absence of unanimity."

In contrast to the advantages Washington enjoyed, Father Ahern drew a picture of the hardships and handicaps under which Abraham Lincoln was born and grew up. He pointed out, however, the Great Emancipator overcame all these "to save the unity of the American nation."

### Serve as Inspirations

"We humans love heroes. We don't necessarily love them because of the ballyhoo and what not connected with them but mainly because we see in

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## Appeal

for federal funds was made before U. S. Senate banking committee by Mayor James M. Curley, of Boston, center, spokesman for delegation of U. S. mayors. Seated, U. S. Sen. Smith Brookhart, left, and U. S. Sen. Norbeck, chairman of the committee. Curley urged R. F. C. to give federal funds to municipalities.



(International News Photo)



## MAYOR'S DAUGHTER AT MIAMI



(Boston Herald-Associated Press Photo)

Miss Mary Curley (right), daughter of the mayor, and Miss Loretta Bremner of Chicago enjoying the winter sunshine at Miami Beach.

## KELLY AGAIN ATTACKS CURLEY

### Councilor Says He Is Viciously Against Him

Asserting that he was "viciously against Curley," Councilor Francis E. Kelly of Dorchester repeated his attacks on the Mayor and Matthew Cummings, contractor, made at the recent State House hearings, at a mass meeting held yesterday afternoon in Tremont Temple by the Massachusetts Real Estate Owners' Association, Inc.

He declared that his interest in an investigation of the administration of the city of Boston was not political and that there were no personal motives in his efforts.

"Although I am viciously against Curley," he said, "I would be against anyone of the same sort. Mayor Curley is the only Mayor under whom I have served. For four years I was one of his staunch supporters. I vote for nine out of 10 of his measures. I

oppose them when I am positive that graft and corruption are taking place."

### Reiterates Charges

Councilor Kelly reiterated the charges he made at the hearings held by the Joint Committee on Rules upon the petition calling for an investigation by a special commission of the city's administration and Finance Commission.

He criticized what he said were exorbitant prices paid by the city for real estate, and the alleged allotting of contracts to others than the lowest bidders.

He responded to a speech made by Cummings at the State House hearings in which Cummings said that he was a good Irishman.

"Why, if he is a good Irishman," Kelly asked, "did he use imported English stone in building Boston schools, in preference to and in spite of the fact that American stone was specified in the contracts?"

Mrs Hannah M. Connors, secretary of the Massachusetts Real Estate Owners' Association, claimed at the meeting that taxpayers' money was being used improperly. She urged her audience, with tears in her eyes, to support her in her work of gaining an investigation of city affairs.

"Councilor Kelly, they say, is the bag man for us," she remarked. "Well, I don't know what he could be holding in the bag. We haven't got anything."

She announced that a mass meeting may be held on the Common next week and there will also be a march to the State House of the members and sympathizers of the Massachusetts Real Estate Owners' Association.

A young woman in the last row of the gallery interrupted to say: "I'm afraid to go to the State House. I was pinched black and blue the last time."

The association, Mrs Connors said, will tackle the problem of mortgages after it has finished its fight for the investigation.

"We're going to tackle the mortgage question," she declared. "And we intend to tackle the banks. They should come down to four percent."

Mrs Connors said that she was a widow with three children and had to support them.

"When we started two years ago," she said, "to protect the small home owner we didn't have a dime. The Mayor told me to go home and mind my own business. Councilors Kelly and Dowd were the only ones who would help me."

"This investigation is taken very lightly. The legislators believe that we're uneducated people. We must demand our rights. Stand up and protect the poor."

Ex-Representative Thomas Niland of East Boston attacked the City Administration, alleging that "Boston pays the highest car fare for a fictitious Boston Elevated deficit."

He criticised Mayor Curley for vetoing a bill for a public lighting plant. He cited Milwaukee as a financially model city.

Henry Dixon, counsel for the association, likened Mrs Connors to William Lloyd Garrison. She, too, he said, "would not equivocate, would not excuse, would not retreat an inch." Eric A. Nelson presided.



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# HITS OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER

## "Fin Com" Criticizes Tax Anticipation Loans

### Laxity and Lack of Initiative Charged in Report to Mayor

"An unfortunate laxity and lack of initiative," are charged against the office of City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan in a report forwarded to Mayor Curley yesterday by the Boston Finance Commission, which has reviewed the city's policy in obtaining tax anticipation loans and its relations with Boston banks in these negotiations.

The charges relate to the allegedly high 3 percent interest rate on 1932 tax loans recently placed without formality of advertising for bids and an agreement of the city to deposit with certain banks 1932 tax payments collected after Jan 1, 1933, until their total should balance the loans.

This agreement, the Commission says, resulted in the tying up of the incoming 1932 tax funds so that they are not available to meet current expenses and forced the city to ask for 1933 tax loans at an earlier date than usual.

#### Only Two Bids

Although the city treasurer advertised for bids on 21 tax loans last year, the report asserts, the fact that only the First National Bank and National Shawmut Banks bid in response to a \$3,000,000 request in November resulted in a conference with representatives of these banks when the city needed \$5,000,000 more in December.

At this conference, the report says, Mr Dolan was told that it would be foolish to advertise for bids again and that he could probably best get the funds by having the Boston institutions seek to place the loans in New York.

The city treasurer later placed the \$5,000,000 loan at 3 percent, "on condition that as the money was collected after Jan 1 on 1932 taxes it should be deposited either in the First National Bank or the National Shawmut Bank until it equaled the balance outstanding on the December loan of \$5,000,000 and on the November loan of \$3,000,000, or \$8,000,000.

No understanding was had as to the interest the banks would pay for tax funds thus deposited; the bank representative stated that the deposits were suggested by New York interests and it was intended to pay only the current rate on demand deposits, then one-half of 1 percent, now one-quarter of 1 percent.

The report continues:

#### Commission's Report

"It followed that the city of Boston has been forced to borrow in anticipation of 1933 taxes at an earlier date than would otherwise have been necessary and thus will be compelled to pay interest for a longer period

and for a larger total of borrowings. To the extent of the difference between what the city must pay in interest for the additional sums borrowed and the amount of interest allowed by the banks upon these deposits, the city is a loser.

"The foregoing facts lead to the following conclusions:

"It is evident that the representatives of The First National Bank adequately and skilfully protected its interests. The same, in the opinion of the Finance Commission, cannot be said for the action of the city treasurer. His failure to make proper and businesslike arrangements for the interest to be paid upon the collections of 1932 taxes deposited in The First National Bank and The National Shawmut Bank, to say nothing of his failure to appreciate the effect on the city finances of tying up so much money, all point to an unfortunate laxity and lack of initiative in the office of the city treasurer.

"It is anticipated that, in all, the city will have to borrow before October, 1933, a total of \$50,000,000. The first loan against 1933 taxes was placed on Feb 1 in the amount of \$2,000,000. Before placing this loan the city treasurer followed his usual method of soliciting bids, but received none up to the expiration of the time stated for the receipt of bids.

"He had, however, been given information previous to the expiration of this time by The First National Bank that it would take the notes at private sale and at a rate of 2 1/4 percent. Subsequently, within two hours after the time for the receipt of bids had expired, the loan was placed on these terms and with the First National Bank and The National Shawmut Bank.

#### Three Percent Bids

"On Feb 10 the city treasurer again attempted to secure bids for tax anticipation notes totaling \$2,000,000. When the time expired for the receipt of bids, it was found that the First National Bank and the National Shawmut Bank had joined in bidding 3 percent for the notes, but that there were no other bidders.

"The rates fixed in both these transactions are considerably higher than the going rates for many municipalities. At about the time these loans were placed by the city of Boston at 2 1/4 and 3 percent, several other cities nearby were obtaining very much lower rates.

"In justification of the high interest rates, it has been argued that the possibility of collection of taxes is a material consideration. The following table is offered to show that this argument is not sound.

	Pct delinquent at close of year	1933 rate of interest on tax loans
	1931	1932
Boston .....	18.1	26.37
Worcester .....	31.5	32.88
Springfield .....	30.3	40.24
Newton .....	25.7	29.55
Gloucester .....	19.2	26.33
Beverly .....	20.8	24.61
Arlington .....	29.0	33.69
Hartford, Conn. . .	..	..

"It would seem to the Finance Commission that special effort should be made by the city treasurer to find out whether or not there is any other reason why banks and bankers are avoiding the Boston field.

#### Favors Smaller Loans

"The Finance Commission believes

the size of the loans should be reduced to a figure which would attract the largest possible number of bidders.

"The Finance Commission believes that the methods employed by the city treasurer in soliciting bids for loans in anticipation of taxes in general are unsatisfactory. It appears that on 21 out of the 23 loans placed in 1932 the city treasurer, through a subordinate in his office, called by telephone a list of 20-odd potential bidders and stated the details of the proposed loan and asked for bids. As bids were made by telephone they were jotted down. When all bids were in, the successful bidder was asked to submit his bid in writing and a contract duly made on that basis.

"Though the statutes do not require public advertising for loans in anticipation of taxes, it would appear that the office of the city treasurer should ask for written bids to be opened formally at a definite time and place, except in circumstances of extreme haste, which should not normally arise.

"Under the particular conditions which are now facing the city it seems to the Finance Commission furthermore that the city treasurer should make every possible effort by personal solicitation and otherwise to open up the market for Boston short-term notes, so that competitive bids for the \$50,000,000 to be borrowed between now and next October could be secured."

Chairman Frank A. Goodwin in a supplementary statement defends the city's financial reputation and quotes from the report of a New York bank on Boston's financial condition which, he says, shows it to be almost in "a class by itself" as a good municipal risk.

## MAYOR CURLEY DEFENDS CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE

Mayor Curley said last night: "It is unfortunate that the Finance Commission has seen fit to give publicity to a report which, by implication and innuendo, conveys the impression, at least, that the conduct of the City Treasurer and the officials of the leading banking institutions of New England were neither honorable nor honest.

"A crisis has been reached in the financial affairs of many American cities due to tax delinquency. The matter is of such grave importance that a conference, the purpose of which was to enlist Federal aid, has been held within 48 hours with the Senate Committee on Banking at the national Capitol.

"At this conference, it was my privilege to state, representing Boston, that I attended the conference for the purpose of assisting American cities that were in difficulties, among which Boston was not included.

"It is the duty of the City Treasurer to procure funds in sufficient amount and at such times as may be necessary and at rates that are just. I am of the opinion that this has been done by him.

"At a time when the money market is most sensitive, such as the present time, the possibility of impairing the city's credit is too serious to permit of public controversy by individuals whose knowledge of finance is elementary, whether it be the Finance Commission or any other group."



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# GEORGE CURLEY SPEAKS IN PLACE OF MAYOR

## Gives Father's Address in Faneuil Hall—Fr Ahern Speaks

Another member of the Curley family entered the field of public speaking yesterday when George Curley, 13, Boston Latin School student, second youngest son of the Mayor, substituted for his father at the annual municipal exercises held in Faneuil Hall in tribute to the memory of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

George, who had never delivered a public address, except in the elocution exercises at Latin School, read a tribute to Lincoln, written by his father and originally delivered at the Massachusetts tree planting exercises in the Lincoln Memorial Reservation, Washington, May 4, 1923.

His audience included leaders of the Grand Army of the Republic, United Spanish War Veterans, Amer-



GEORGE CURLEY  
Son of Boston's Mayor, reading father's  
tribute at Washington and Lincoln exer-  
cises in Faneuil Hall

ican Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries, who participated in the patriotic exercises.

### Fr Ahern's Address

The principal address was by Rev Michael J. Ahern, S. J., of the Jesuit House of Studies, Weston, widely known to radio audiences as director of the Catholic Truth broadcasts.

Fr Ahern said that George Washington was the son of an aristocratic family, a man of high culture and high scientific attainments, and in addition to that was every inch a man. He said he was outspoken, brave, generous, pure, and was loved by his country because he in turn loved his fellow man.

Fr Ahern said: "I do not think of Washington as a hero at the head of an army, but think of him as a quiet gentleman sitting at the door of his tent on the battlefield talking over details of the campaign with his men; not as an officer in command, but as a fellow soldier. He was a man of the people and a servant to the people."

"In order to be a faithful servant to the people one must suffer, and never has a public servant not suffered while performing his service because people are of different temperament."

"George Washington suffered for his own fellows and his country. He suffered most when he was giving most. He was the greatest soldier of all times."

Fr Ahern reviewed briefly the life of Lincoln and read extracts from the quotation on "Washington and Toleration," written by Archbishop John Carroll, the first Catholic bishop in the United States. Archbishop Carroll held the highest regard for Washington and every Thanksgiving morning celebrated a solemn high mass of requiem in his church in Philadelphia for him.

The address of Fr Ahern was broadcast over radio station WNAC.

### Mullen Presides

Owing to the absence from the city of Mayor Curley and Acting Mayor Joseph F. McGrath, Thomas A. Mullen represented the city and introduced the speakers.

The invocation, by Rev S. L. Laviscount of St Mark's Congregational Church, Roxbury, was followed by the reading of excerpts from Washington's Farewell Address by Joseph M. Foley of Boston Latin School, William B. Mirkin of the English High School read Lincoln's "Soliloquy."

Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" was read by Audrey R. McKinney of Charlestown High School.

Music was furnished by the Boston Public Schools' Symphony Orchestra, led by Joseph F. Wagner. Singing was by the Boston Municipal Glee Club, conducted by Lawrence B. O'Connor, and by Miss Dorothea M. Leary.

Benediction was by Rev Dr Jeremiah F. Minihan. The color guards were members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Boston Fire Department and High School Cadets.

The program was arranged by the Public Celebrations Department, headed by Edmund Dolan and Michael F. Curley.

The committee of arrangements from the Citizens' Public Celebrations Association was headed by Henry I. Lazarus, who was assisted by John B. Archibald, Henry F. Brennan, John A. Scanga, John H. Noonan, Henry J. D. Small, George W. McLaren, Frank J. O'Rourke, Joseph A. F. O'Neill.

## Post AT MIAMI BEACH



Miss Mary Curley, right, is shown basking in the sun on the shore of Miami Beach, Fla., with Miss Loretta Bremaner of Chicago, her friend.

# FIN. COM. IN ATTACK ON BANK DEAL

## High Loan Interest Scored After Inquiry

Loss of city funds at the expense of Boston taxpayers through the award of a \$5,000,000 short term loan issue to the First National Bank at 3 per cent interest without advertising for competitive bids, while other cities of reputed inferior standing were obtaining money at lower rates, was severely criticised last night by the Finance Commission.

### BLAMES CITY TREASURER

Chairman Goodwin joined with his commission colleagues in blaming City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan and in signing the report, which took occasion to point out that "The First National Bank adequately and skilfully protected its interests."

But Finance Commissioners Joseph Joyce Donahue, Judge Joseph A. Sheehan and Charles Moorfield Storey withheld their signatures from the additional statement in which Chairman Goodwin alone condemned the bankers in their financial dealings with the city.

And this was believed to be the first minority report which a member of the Finance Commission has turned out since the early days of the body, which was established 24 years ago to serve as official "watchdog" of the municipal treasury.

### "Foolish to Advertise"

The united report of the investigating body disclosed that President Philip Stockton of the First National Bank, in testifying before the Finance Commission during its recent private investigation, admitted that he had advised the city treasurer that "it would be very foolish to advertise" for competitive bids.

Not only did the bank charge the alleged high rate of 3 per cent on the notes, but the bankers forced the city to agree to place \$5,000,000 in incoming taxes on deposit, to insure the payment of the loans.

The commission protested that the loss to the taxpayers represented at least the difference between the 3 per cent charged on the \$5,000,000 loan and the  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 per cent interest allowed the city on deposits. Interest on deposits has since dropped to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1 per cent.

### Must Borrow More

By tying up the city's incoming taxes in the banks, the Finance Commission protested that without the use of this incoming cash, the city would be

obliged in order to meet payrolls and incoming bills, to go out and borrow more money from the banks in additional short term loans.

Estimating that the city will be required to borrow \$50,000,000 more in tax anticipation notes before the 1933 tax receipts come in, about October, the Finance Commission insisted that the city treasurer must go out and work up competition for bids. It suggested that the treasurer should find out whether there is any reason why banks and bankers are avoiding the Boston field. It suggested that the size of the individual loans be reduced as an effort to attract the largest possible number of bidders.

### Sought Bids by Phone

In criticism of Treasurer Dolan, the commission reported that he failed to make proper and businesslike arrangements to secure the best interests of the city, that he failed to appreciate the effect of tying up \$5,000,000 in deposits, and that his method of soliciting bids was unsatisfactory, in that he or one of his assistants called up prospective bidders on the telephone, instead of writing or advertising for sealed bids.

This method, the report asserted, revealed an "unfortunate laxity and lack of initiative in the office of the city treasurer. On the last November loan of \$3,000,000, which was awarded to the First National at 1.15 per cent, the report disclosed that the National Shawmut had put in a higher bid, and the First National Bank "knew of the bid," which was characterized by President Stockton as "window dressing," according to the report.

Chairman Goodwin in his personal report announced that he "viewed with suspicion," the failure of outside banks to come into the Boston field and bid for the loans, in view of the high financial standing of the city, which, he contended, "is in a class by itself among the great cities of the country."

The commission presented charts showing that, although Boston had a smaller percentage of delinquent taxes outstanding, it paid higher interest rates to the banks than other nearby cities.

While Boston is paying 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  and even 3 per cent on its 1933 tax anticipation loans, interest payments this year of other municipalities are: Newton, 48-100 of one per cent; Gloucester, 62-100 of one per cent; Arlington, 77-100 of one per cent; Worcester, 1.27; Springfield, 1.21; Beverly, 1.02, and Hartford, Conn., 1.10.

Replying to the contention of the city treasurer's office that the other cities issue only small loans, which can easily be sold by the bankers, the Finance Commission retorted that on the same day, Feb. 10, that Boston paid 3 per cent for a \$2,000,000 issue; Hartford, Conn., received a low bid of 1.1 per cent interest on a \$4,000,000 issue.

### CURLEY'S REPLY

**Cal. Report by Fin. Com. Unfortunate—Says It Is Duty of City Treasurer to Procure Funds in Sufficient Amount and at Such Times as May Be Necessary—Claims Possibility of Impairing City's Credit Too Serious to Permit of Public Controversy**

Mayor Curley issued the following statement in answer to the attack of the Finance Commission:

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Commission has seen fit to give publicity to a report which, by implication and innuendo, conveys the impression, at least, that the condition of the city treasury and the officers of the leading banking institutions of New England were neither honorable nor honest.

"The crisis has been reached in the financial affairs of many American cities due to tax delinquencies. The matter is of such grave importance that a conference, the purpose of which was to enlist federal aid, has been held within 48 hours with the Senate committee of banking at the national capital. At this conference it was my privilege to state, representing Boston, that I attended the conference for the purpose of assisting American cities that were in difficulty, among which Boston was not included.

"It is the duty of the city treasurer to procure funds in sufficient amount and at such times as may be necessary at rates that are just and I am of the opinion that this has been done by him.

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municipalities asking for bids for smaller loans have a wider field of competition and therefore obtain lower rates. The following incident is offered to show that this argument is not necessarily correct.

On the day The First National Bank of Boston and The National Shawmut Bank syndicate offered the only bid for a \$2,000,000 Boston note at 3 per cent., the bidders in Hartford, Ct., for a \$4,000,000 note were The Second National Bank of Boston, lowest bidder, at net 1.1 per cent. and, all within a few points, the Chase, Harris, Forbes Corporation of Boston, First of Boston Corporation (First National Bank), R. F. Griggs Company of Waterbury, Ct., Guaranty Company of New York, F. S. Moseley & Company of Boston, Shawmut Corporation of Boston (National Shawmut Bank), Chemical Bank & Trust Company & Associates of New York, Lehman Brothers & Associates of New York.

It would seem to the finance commission, therefore, that special effort should be made by the city treasurer to find out whether or not there is any reason why banks and bankers are avoiding the Boston field.

The finance commission believes the size of the loans should be reduced to a figure which would attract the largest possible number of bidders.

The finance commission believes that the methods employed by the city treasurer in soliciting bids for loans in anticipation of taxes in general are unsatisfactory. It appears that on 21 out of the 23 loans placed in 1932, the city treasurer, through a subordinate in his office, called by telephone a list of 20 odd potential bidders and stated the details of the proposed loan and asked for bids. As bids were made by telephone, they were jotted down. When all bids were in, the successful bidder was asked to submit his bid in writing and a contract duly made on that basis.

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## CURLEY REPLIES

### Declares Fin Com Report Gives False Impression

Mayor Curley late last night made the following comment on the finance commission report:

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## MUST LOAN POOR CITIES SAYS MAYOR

### Federal Advances of Money to Needy Places

The federal government must authorize a programme of public works and advance money to bankrupt and near-bankrupt cities throughout the country if we are to get clear of this depression, declared Mayor James M. Curley, last night, at the Back Bay station, where he returned from a three-day visit to Washington after acting as spokesman for several cities to aid them in obtaining loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

### DIDN'T BOTHER FARLEY

The Mayor was accompanied by City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan and Secretary Cornelius A. Reardon of the Street Commission.

Mayor Curley was invited to Washington to speak in behalf of cities who were in a tottering condition financially. No reservations are made in the laws of the R. F. C. at present to grant loans to cities and it is believed that an amendment to that effect will be made in the near future.

Asked if he spoke to either President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt or James Farley, chairman of the Democratic national committee, in regard to cabinet positions, the Mayor smiled and said he didn't want to bother them as they were "too busy."

He will be at his desk in City Hall this morning.

# TO TACKLE BANKS AND MORTGAGES

## Real Estate Owners Making Plans for Next Move

The Massachusetts Real Estate Owners' Association, which has been seeking a legislative inquiry into the administration of Mayor Curley, announced yesterday that when it gets that particular situation cleaned up, it will "tackle the banks on the mortgage situation." Mrs. Hannah Connors, secretary of the association and the leading spirit in the fight for the legislative investigation, made the announcement at a mass meeting of home owners in Tremont Temple yesterday.

### PLEA FOR CO-OPERATION

Mrs. Connors, who with City Councillor Francis E. Kelly, was the principal speaker, made a plea for the poor and the children of the poor, and declared that any taxpayer who doesn't assist in the fight against graft and corruption is letting grafters take the money that belongs to the poor.

Councillor Kelly summed up the charges made at the legislative hearing two weeks ago, and made a new attack on Mayor Curley, Corporation Counsel Silverman and Matthew Cummings, a contractor. Referring to the legislative committee hearing, Councillor Kelly declared that Speaker Saltonstall only agreed to give the proponents of the investigation more than five minutes speaking time when he realized "from the reaction of the crowd that he might not reach the door."

Kelly insisted that there was nothing personal against Mayor Curley in his fight for the probe.

Councillor Kelly taunted Contractor Cummings for not having gone to the district attorney or sued Kelly for slander, as he declared he would at the State House hearing.

Thomas Niland, former Representative, declared that the deficit which the Boston Elevated expects the taxpayers to meet, is "a deficit that doesn't exist." Niland said that yearly the cost of transporting a passenger on the El system has gone down. "There never has been a deficit," he insisted, "and I am prepared to prove it. State Treasurer Hurley has assured me that before he pays any money over to the Elevated to meet a deficit, he will permit me to show him the proof I can easily provide that there is no deficit."



## Declares Boston Must Borrow \$50,000,000 Before October—Urges Size of Loans Be Reduced to Attract Bidders

It has been further argued that



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# RESERVES AGAINST IDLENESS APPROVED

## Conference of Ministers and Social Workers Hear Mayor Curley, Dr Karl T. Compton, and Others—Uniform Labor Laws Also Urged

Resolutions approving unemployment reserves and the adoption by the States of uniform labor laws were unanimously passed yesterday at the Twentieth Century Club, at a conference of ministers and social workers under auspices of the Greater Boston Federation of Churches.

The gravity of unemployment was affirmed by all the speakers, who included Mayor Curley, State Commissioner of Labor and Industries Edwin S. Smith, Pres Karl T. Compton of M. I. T., Rev Erville N. Maynard, Rev Lynn J. Radcliffe, Malcolm S. Nichols and Robert Watt of the Federation of Labor.

Mr Watt said the Federation of Labor approves the Stabilization Commission's report. (That report was recently given to the Legislature, and embodied a plan for unemployment reserves.)

"My criticism and point of difference, though," he said, "are chiefly in desiring more emphasis on such matters as the shorter week, raising the school age and that part of the report dealing with public works' planning."

Mr Watt attacked the sweat shop. He commended Commissioner Smith for his struggle against sweat shops in Massachusetts. "It is the sweat-shop," he asserted, "that is undercutting in the market, unsettling prices, causing hand to mouth buying, causing rush hours, overtime, low wages and bankruptcy of good firms. There will be no security while they exist."

Mayor Curley said that in the past week more than 120,000 persons were aided out of the city treasury. He said that private charity can no longer care for the unfortunate, because private charity is now exhausted. He said that even single men and women are now appealing to the city for aid. "It is the duty of the Government to provide for the needs of the people," said the Mayor. "When the Government fails to do that, Government ceases to function."

He reassured his belief in Franklin

D. Roosevelt's ability to cope with the situation, "serious as it is."

"The increasing complexity and interdependence of social groups," said Pres Compton of M. I. T., "necessitates increasing cooperation between groups and responsibility of one group for another."

"Two types of measures are recommended to increase stabilization of employment, one having to do with stabilization of the demand for employment, and the other having to do with increasing mobility of labor and decreasing loss of motion in passing from one kind of employment to another."

"It should be kept in mind that unemployment is a serious social problem, not only in times of depression like the present, in which employment has decreased 50 percent, but also in good times, in which employment may fluctuate seasonally 25 percent."

Rev Erville B. Maynard of the Cathedral Church of St Paul urged the ministers to consult social service agencies in all cases where people came to the church for aid. He declared it to be his experience that many persons who sought donations at the doors of ministers had been to other churches and were also to be found on public welfare rolls.

Rev Mr Radcliffe of the College Avenue Methodist Church, Somerville, said that in suburban places the salaries of ministers had been cut and they could no longer take care of welfare cases out of their own pockets. The work of churches has been cut and ministers are themselves facing a problem.

Mr Nichols, general secretary of the Family Welfare Society, pointed out that increases in public welfare expenditures in all cities had been tremendous. The highest increase he quoted was in the city of Newton where the increase was 125 percent. Other cities were Boston, 52 percent; Fall River, 27 percent; Lowell, 44 percent; Lynn, 63 percent; Malden, 82 percent; New Bedford, 38 percent, and Worcester, 78 percent.

## Rotarians Seek to Sign Up Mayor Curley

A group of representatives of Rotary International today called upon Mayor James M. Curley at City Hall, and told him that the organization insists that he open the international convention, which is to be held in Boston during the week of June 8. They informed him that they wish him to perform this service no matter if he has to leave a cabinet meeting and journey from Washington to do so. Furthermore, they said, they expected to have present 40,000 delegates from all parts of the world and expressed the belief that about \$2,000,000 would be spent in Boston as a result of the convention.

Mayor Curley was non-committal as to whether the duties involved would require his giving up time from sessions of the Roosevelt cabinet.

Those who called upon him were: Howard H. Feighner of Chicago, Bradbury F. Cushing, representing the City Hotel Association; Henry H. Porter, president of the Boston Rotary Club; Roger Preston, immediate past president; Charles C. Lasey of the Cunard Line, and E. Wentworth Prescott, secretary of the Boston club.

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## SAYS NICHOLS IS LIKE CURLEY

### Has Same Qualities Boston Social Club Is Told

Former Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols was introduced last night as a "man of the same qualities" as the present Mayor, James M. Curley.

President Patrick L. Crowley of the Boston Social Club, toastmaster at the organization's 12th annual banquet, in Paul Revere Hall, made the introduction.

Speaking to some 500 diners, he declared that Mayor Curley was famed far and wide for his great humanitarian policies and works in Boston, and that "I am now going to introduce to you a man of the same qualities as the present Mayor—not any better than he, but the equal of him—the Hon. Malcolm E. Nichols."

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# PARKMAN IN HOT BLAST AT GOODWIN

## Blames Head of Fin. Com. for Dropping Probes

Sharply criticising the Finance Commission for dropping investigations "when the trail gets warm," Senator Henry Parkman, speaking last night at a meeting of the Eliot Club in Jamaica Plain, issued a blast at Chairman Frank A. Goodwin of the commission, and declared that the taxpayers of the city are being cheated by the city administration.

### PUTS IT UP TO GOODWIN

Parkman, whose father spoke at a meeting of the same club exactly 50 years ago and on the same subject of an investigation of the city administration, asked Goodwin why the commission stopped its investigation of the city purchasing of meat from the Mohawk Packing Company instead of going ahead and finding out who owned the Mohawk Packing Company and why it obtained orders that could have gone direct to packers.

He declared that the attitude of the city administration has now reached the point where it is akin to that adopted by Boss Tweed in New York, when confronted with evidence of graft and corruption, he said, "What are you going to do about it?" Quoting from a number of Finance Commission reports, Senator Parkman asserted that the commission has been futile.

### Tax Payers Getting Stuck

"Why continue to make reports," he said, "when over a period of years they have done no good. Apparently the taxpayers are getting stuck. They are paying more than they should pay for some things. The reports of the commission haven't frightened the administration. What good is it for the finance committee to know about all these conditions of waste and scandal, if they don't do anything about it."

"Goodwin has made reports and the evidence in them is enough to justify a more sweeping investigation. But he has taken darn good care not to get his fingers burned. He has made reports but he has not done another thing to follow those reports up. They transmitted a report in 1931 showing that the city was paying for bituminous pavement a sum ranging from 30 to 40 cents per square yard in excess of that paid in other cities for the identical pavement—many of them neighboring cities in the Metropolitan district.

### Goodwin Not Interested

"Why should Boston be paying more? Where does the difference go? And why has the Finance Commission stopped its investigation there, just as the trail was getting warm? Take a look at the report on purchasing, dated Nov. 7, 1931. Wouldn't it be interesting to know who the Mohawk Packing Company is? Who are its officers and what the particular reason was why city officials found it necessary to place their orders with it rather than directly with the packers? But no, the investigation stops there—Goodwin is not interested to find out the reason why."

"Take the case of the report on the purchase of traffic signal lights. The commission called it a 'scandal.' Once more the question cries aloud for an answer. Why was the award to a favored firm? What happened to the difference in cost? Why should the tax payers have to stand for it?"

### Implication There

"At the State House hearing Goodwin said, 'You may be able some time to get an honest government.' It seems to me there is an implication there about the present administration. I venture to suggest that had it not been for the imminence of the investigation into the city government, Goodwin would not have deserted his war against the tax dodgers, his leadership of the automobile owners and all his other interests to consider so unimportant a matter as a change in the structure of the Boston city government."

"To my mind, it follows from Goodwin's own argument that the right way, the sure way, to improve city government is to investigate the practices which his reports have disclosed, lay bare the causes, and thus find the remedy. It is a necessary preliminary to changes in the city charter."

## Globe CITY TITLE TOURNEY TO START MARCH 31

At a meeting of basket-ball league directors last night at the Boston Park Department Office, 440 Audubon road, the Fenway, plans were discussed for the playoffs for the City of Boston championships.

It was decided that the championship event would be divided into two classes: A, for teams 18 years and older, and B, for teams under 18 years. Eight teams in each class will play off for the Class A and Class B championships.

The 16 teams will be selected by the directors in charge of division playoffs. To enter divisional playoffs, teams must submit season's record to the directors. The winners of the divisional playoffs will meet in the final tournament.

This tournament will begin March 28. Other dates arranged are March 31, April 4 and April 7, the latter date being the day on which the two final games will be played. All games will be played on the Roxbury Memorial High School court. The commission referees will officiate.

Mayor James M. Curley and William Long, park commissioner, are the honorary heads of the tournament. In charge of the active affairs is Bill Mullin. The division directors who attended the meeting are:

Brother Stanislaus, parochial schools; William S. Graham, school centers; R. Laveaga, Y. M. C. A., and church divisions; Lieut. Preston, military; Tom Turley, settlements; Sam Smith, boys' clubs; and D. J. McGuinness, independent division.

# TRAVELER CITY BORROWING BILL DISCUSSED

## Ely Approves Measure Designed to Meet Wel- fare Burdens

By DONALD R. WAUGH

Drastic legislation to permit the municipalities of the state to borrow \$30,000,000 outside their respective debt limits to offset greatly increased public welfare costs was discussed at the State House today.

At a conference in Gov. Ely's office, the tentative draft of the bill was talked over. Present at the meeting were Gov. Ely, President Fish of the Senate, Speaker Saltonstall, Theodore N. Waddell, director of the state division of accounts, and Senator Samuel H. Wragg and Representative John Halliwell, respectively Senate and House chairman of the legislative committee on municipal finance.

Gov. Ely approved the measure and a meeting of the committee on municipal finance was arranged for later in the day to act formally on the bill.

The plan is to base the bill on a dozen petitions before the committee asking authority to have specific municipalities refund certain loans to keep them from financial chaos.

The bill provides that the commission to be set up under the tax title borrowing bill, which has passed the House and will probably pass the Senate soon, would pass upon the proposed borrowing against increased welfare costs.

With the approval of the commission a municipality could borrow as much as its welfare costs have increased since 1929. In some communities this amounts to many dollars on the tax rate.



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## HULTMAN-CONRY TILTS ECHOED

### Hearing on Bills to Abolish Traffic Commission

A hearing held today before the Legislative Committee on Highways and Motor Vehicles on bills to abolish the office of the Boston Traffic Commission and place it under the Boston Street Department brought echoes of the controversy between Traffic Commissioner Joseph A. Conry and Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman.

One bill filed by Mayor Curley sought to place the duties of the Traffic Commission in the hands of the Street Commissioners, who are directly responsible to the Mayor. The other bill, filed by City Councilor Clement A. Norton of Hyde Park, provides for the abolishment of the board of three Street Commissioners, with the department under one head, this commissioner also to be chairman of the Boston Traffic Commission. On this Traffic Commission would be the Police Commissioner, ex-officio, and three unpaid members appointed by the Mayor.

Appearing for Mayor Curley's bill, A. B. Casson, Legislative counsel for the city of Boston, told the committee that there has been considerable friction between Traffic Commissioner Joseph Conry, an appointee of the Mayor, and Police Commissioner Hultman, an appointee of the Governor, and a member of the present commission. This friction between the two officials has been to the detriment of the functioning of the Traffic Commission, which also consists of the chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners, chairman of the Park Department and chairman of the Public Works Department.

#### "Would Be More Efficient"

Mr Casson expressed the opinion that if the duties of the Traffic Commission were transferred to the Board of Street Commissioners, the traffic situation would be worked out more efficiently and would bring the problem directly under the control of the office of the Mayor.

He said the duties of the Traffic Commission were vested in the Board of Street Commissioners prior to the establishment of the commission in 1929 and felt the board fully competent to handle the problem. The transfer of the Traffic Commission to the Street Commission not only would effect a saving of \$7500 a year, the salary of the present Traffic Commissioner, at the outset, but in time to come would save the city more money, he said. He also pointed out that the present employees of the department would not lose their positions.

City Councilor Norton, speaking for his bill, felt that because of the present "bickering" between the two officials, there would be a centralization of power under one head for the benefit of the city. He said the great question is to keep traffic flowing in town for the benefit of the merchants and his bill would bring this about. Because of the friction between the Police Commissioner and Traffic Commissioner, he said, many persons living in the suburbs patronize branch

and chain stores in their vicinities rather than come into the city to shop.

#### Sullivan Blames Conry

Representative Lewis R. Sullivan of Dorchester, appearing in opposition, said the whole trouble rests on the shoulders of Traffic Commissioner Conry and not on the functioning of the Traffic Commission. He said, "It is not a question of the merits or demerits of the Traffic Commission, but solely on the head of the Traffic Commissioner. There are many times the Traffic Commissioner is wrong. He likes publicity. There have been no complaints against the efficiency of the commission, and if there is any trouble abolish the Street Commissioners and put them in the Public Works Department. After all, the work of the Street Commissioners is gone over by the Public Works Department."

"The real work of the Traffic Commission is done by the traffic engineers and if the Traffic Commission goes over to the Street Commission, it will probably save the Street Commissioners."

"This storm has been going on for the past three years. During the first year of the existence of the Traffic Commission you never heard of any trouble. With a change in the city administration next year, you will not see or hear of any more trouble."

#### When There Was Harmony

Harry F. Stoddard, representing the Boston Automobile Club, told the committee that when the Traffic Commission was organized in 1929, his organization assisted it considerably and during that first year of its existence every member of the commission worked in harmony and there was no friction, with the result that much was accomplished towards eliminating traffic congestion in Boston.

"The whole trouble is verbose effervescence," said the speaker. "This verbose effervescence arises from persons wholly ignorant of traffic or traffic control. If the Traffic Commission functioned properly, as it did in 1929, there would not be such trouble."

## AMERICAN CURLEY TO OPEN ROTARY MEET

Mayor Curley today accepted an invitation to address the national Rotarian convention in Boston, which starts June 8 and lasts one week.

The invitation was tendered by a delegation headed by Howard Feighner of Chicago, convention manager of the Rotary International. The mayor was asked to address the opening session of the convention, which will bring 40,000 Rotarians to Boston. It is estimated they will spend \$3,000,000 while here.

The delegation included Bradley F. Cushing of Hotel Statler, representing the City Hotel Association; Henry P. Porter, president Boston Rotary Club; E. W. Prescott, secretary, and Roger Preston, past president.

## SAYS AID DATA WAS GIVEN OUT

### Brackman Asks Welfare Inquiry in Council

### Department Promises Dismissal of Persons Found Guilty

Councilor David Brackman, at the City Council meeting yesterday, charged that the law was being violated in the Welfare Department, in that insurance companies and public utilities were receiving information regarding individuals on the welfare rolls. Mr Brackman did not name the person or persons giving out the information. An order designed to investigate and stop the practice was passed by the Council.

Welfare authorities when informed of Councilor Brackman's order denied they had any knowledge that such information was being given out and stated that upon proof, the person or persons so violating the law would be instantly discharged.

Employees in the Welfare Department and the thousands of men and women who go there to receive aid may benefit by an order of Councilor Burke, which was passed yesterday. The Councilor asked that a ventilating system be installed in the basement of the welfare building where the bulk of the work is being done. Councilor Fish offered an amendment to Burke's order to include the receiving department at Chardon st, which also was passed.

An order from the Mayor that action be taken on a jitney permit for River st, Mattapan, was referred to the committee which has the original petition. Lack of transportation, according to the Mayor, is a burden on the nurses and others at the sanatorium, as well as visitors. The line would run from Mattapan sq to Dorchester Lower Mills.

The request of the Fruit and Produce Exchange, with quarters on the second floor of the Quincy Market, to have the 1932 rental cut from \$13,500 to \$10,000 was tabled, as was a request from the Mayor for \$1400 from the reserve fund to be expended for imperishable portraits of 19 Boston dead of the World War. Already 1147 of the portraits have been made and placed in schools.

That the assessors when they go out on April 1 reduce all property assessments 25 percent was the order offered by Councilor Fish. Councilor Power asked that the trustees of the George Robert White Fund consider the advisability of erecting a health unit in Ward 10, Roxbury.

The Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners was asked, in an order introduced by Councilor Norton, to supply the Council with all available data concerning investments made during 1932.

That the police be given one day off in seven, instead of the present one day in eight, was the substance of an order by Councilor Norton.

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## Curley's Character Is Read by Milne From Handwriting

Have you sent for an analysis of your handwriting?

Perhaps you missed the first announcement of the Boston American's great offer made yesterday. Well, here it is again.

It is now possible for you to have a personal analysis of your handwriting, made by the nationally-known graphologist, Lorne A. Milne. You may have this analysis, which would ordinarily cost you \$5 for only the cost of handling,

10 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

In opening negotiations with Mr. Milne to secure his services for Boston American readers, the editor gave Mr. Milne a number of specimens of handwriting for him to analyze. One of these specimens was the signature of Mayor Curley. Mr. Milne made the following analysis of Mayor Curley's handwriting without knowing anything about him. Here's the specimen given to Mr. Milne to analyze.

*James M. Curley*

Here's Mr. Milne's analysis of the Mayor's handwriting:

### FINISHES HIS JOB

"An examination of the writing of James M. Curley discloses that he has an energetic disposition with mental alertness and physical restlessness. He is never content unless he is engaged in something worthwhile during his waking hours.

"He is an ambitious person, naturally hopeful, not easily discouraged, and although he may be cast down one time after another, he is always willing to try again.

"His writing further shows that he is a natural reasoner, takes little for granted and is inclined to ask questions as he must know the whys and wherefores before he make a decision. This quality tends to make him argumentative with a corresponding tendency to question the statements and opinions of others. He holds very decided views and unless facts are proved to him according to his principles of logic and reason he will decline to accept them as true.

"He possesses business instinct

and will never willingly leave a task until it is completed as unfinished business does not appeal to him.

"A keen desire to excel in any of his undertakings, is also shown. He will avail himself of any reasonable means at hand to aid him in the accomplishment of his purposes.

### "JUDGMENT SOUND"

"An extremely companionable and affable nature is indicated in his writing. Being an entertaining talker he adds much to the enjoyment of those with whom he comes in contact. He is fond of music and prefers to be engaged in a line of endeavor which would bring him in contact with the public.

"Mr. Curley is diplomatic and his business judgment can always be relied upon. Possessing executive as well as business qualities, he is well fitted to perform the duties required in a responsible position where such ability is necessary."

Now you have read an analysis of Mayor Curley's handwriting why not have your own handwriting analyzed? This offer is for a limited time only, so you must act quickly. Clip the coupon which appears elsewhere in today's Boston American. Fill it in with the required information and mail it, together with 10 cents in coin to cover handling costs, and a stamped self-addressed envelope, to the Character Analysis Editor, Boston American, P. O. Box 1285, Boston

Chas B. =

## SINGLE PERSONS NOW ASKING AID

### Mayor Tells Ministers of Relief Problems

Single men and single women are now coming to the Public Welfare Board for relief, Mayor Curley told the conference of ministers and social workers held this morning at 3 Joy st. The Mayor added that although appeals for relief are increasing the money being provided for relief is decreasing.

The Mayor talked of tax delinquents and said that little could be done in many cases to collect taxes because of the inability of people to pay. He thought it was a good thing that the law authorizing the sale of property for taxes in Boston was suspended in 1932.

"It is the duty of the Government to provide for the needs of the people," he said, "and when it fails to do that, Government ceases to function." Although the situation is serious, he said, he had faith in the ability of Franklin D. Roosevelt to meet it.

Although taxpayers' strikes and similar protests would have been regarded as bolshevism and communism a few years ago, he said, these moves on the part of citizens are now understandable.

During the past week, he asserted, more than 120,000 persons were aided out of the treasury of the city of Boston; and soldiers relief has jumped from \$350,000 in 1931 to \$1,200,000 for the year 1933.

"Boston," he said, "cannot depend any longer upon the generosity of the public. They have been drained dry themselves. They were extremely generous in past years, but now they haven't got the money."

He urged that people take a greater interest in the present drive to provide funds for the unemployed.

Rev Erville B. Maynard spoke of the problems of the church in the city, and Rev Lynn J. Radcliffe spoke of the problems of the church in the suburb. The meeting adjourned for luncheon at noon, and continued this afternoon.

## ROTARY INVITATION TO MAYOR CURLEY

### To Be Principal Speaker at Convention Here

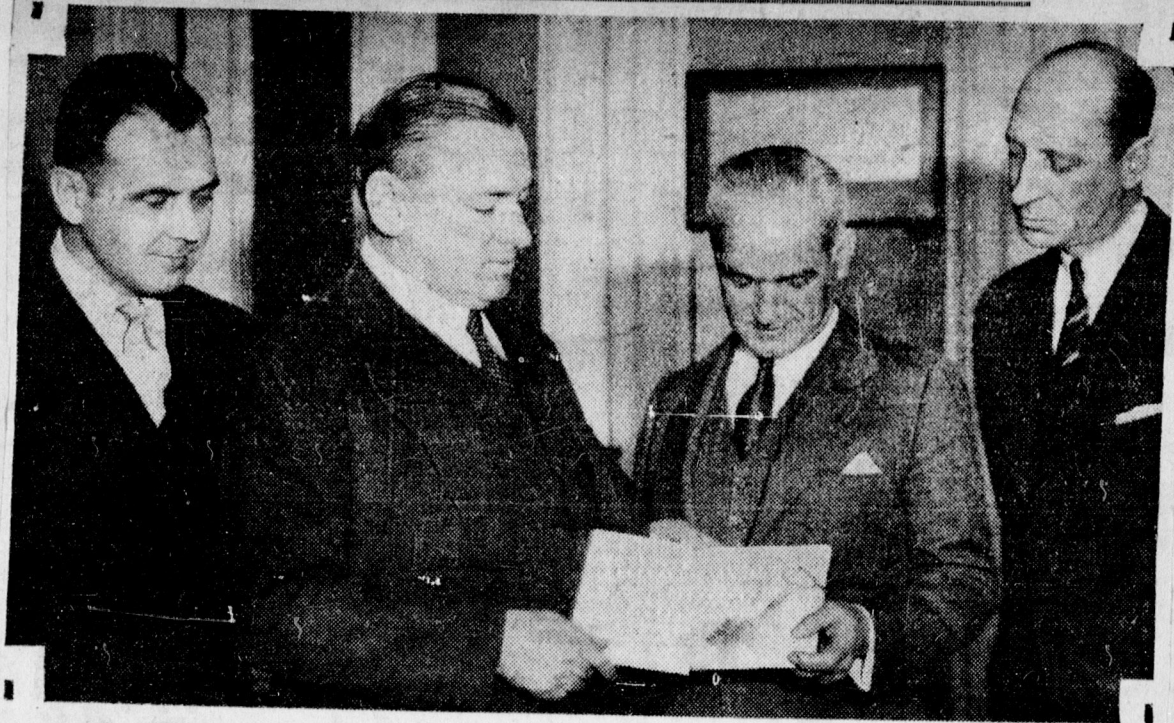
Mayor Curley was invited to be the principal speaker at the Rotary International Convention, to be held in Boston next June, by Howard H. Seighner of Chicago, the convention manager, who called on the Mayor this morning. The convention will last a week.

Others in the party visiting the Mayor were Bradbury F. Cushing, representing the Boston Hotel Association; Pres Henry P. Porter of the Boston Rotary Club, former Pres Roger Preston of the club, E. W. Prescott, secretary of the Boston club, and Charles C. Dacey, vice chairman of the convention committee.



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## AUTO RACER IS GIVEN KEY TO THE CITY



CHARLES L. FRENCH    MAYOR CURLEY    RALPH DE PALMA    WILLIAM A. COUGHLIN

Mayor Curley presenting to Ralph De Palma, veteran automobile racer, a key to the city during a visit at City Hall today. Charles L.

French and William A. Coughlin of the Standard Oil Co. accompanied De Palma. (Boston American photo.)

TRAVELER

## Rotarians Visit City Hall



Delegation of Rotarians who called on the mayor today and invited him to address the convention to be held in June. Left to right, Howard H. Feighner, Mayor Curley, E. W. Prescott, secretary of Boston Club; Bradbury F. Cushing, vice-president of the City Hotel Association, and Roger Preston, past president of Rotary Club of Boston; Henry P. Porter, Charles C. Dasey, vice-chairman of convention committee.

## Opens Conference of Ministers and Social Workers on Relief and Unemployment

and social workers this morning. The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. of the Y. M. C. A. Club rooms this morning. Introduced by Eva Whiting White, president of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, and a member of the overseers of public welfare, Mayor Curley opened discussion on "Pressing Emergency Relief Problems." On the relief problem confronting the cities of the country he presented facts brought up at the conference of mayors in Washington last Friday. No more serious situation ever existed in the history of the country, he said, and this conference was called to present ways and means of warding off municipal bankruptcy and any increase in the suffering of men and women. He stated that the conference

Mayor Curley said there were those who looked with fear on the Federal Government entering this field, yet it is the duty of the Government to look to the needs of the people. If the Government doesn't, then government will cease. The mayor said apart from the ability and experience of President-elect Roosevelt, he had human qualities which led him, the mayor, to be confident that the new President will find a way out of the difficulties which confront the American people in this critical hour of the nation.

The answer for unemployment is jobs, the mayor said, and added that there had been no other answer since the world began. He urged the public to take more interest in the \$5,000,000 unemployment drive, "otherwise we will be condemning ourselves when the trouble is over." Outside agencies must supplement the work in relief which the city is doing. Curley declared that there could be no amount given.

Mayor Curley declared that there could be no cutting down on the amount given to individuals in need, the \$12,000,000 on \$13,000,000 to be expended. "If we spend less than is necessary," he said, "we will have a community in which no one's life will be secure." Speaking of the way in which fathers of families are being driven to desperation, the mayor said that he would not want to be the judge

The mayor said the Government is more up its mind that this Government is more than the business of politicians, that it must make up its mind that it is everybody's business and each individual must make his own contribution to a right solution. In answer to a question, he said pulling out of the depression was not the charge of the Democratic party but of the American people.

## Ministers Perplexed

Rev. Erville B. Maynard of St. Paul's Cathedral shared the topic, "The Perplexed Minister," with Rev. Lynn J. Radcliffe of the College Avenue Methodist Church, Somerville. Mr. Maynard said there appeared to be no single answer for the aid program but that churches "all prefer to run their own show." He said the free meal ticket was in rather general use but that there was little check on the recipients. Mr. Maynard contended that it is not the primary business of a church to conduct professional welfare work but to give counsel and advice to its communicants.

Mr. Radcliffe said he had no solution, saw no way out of the present situation. The churches, he said, are faced with a demand for emergency relief yet their budgets have been cut because of the falling off of support. He said that providing jobs does not solve the problem but that society must be reorganized and that the basic factors which produced this situation must be done away with. Leadership or the rule of radicalism, he said, lies ahead.

Speaking on the program of the Massachusetts Special Commission on the Stabilization of Employment, Dr. Karl T. Compton, vice chairman of the commission, said the increasing complexity and interdependence of social groups necessitates increasing co-operation between groups and responsibility of one group for another. Unemployment is generally the result of maladjustment of society and not the fault of the workers. Society and not the workers actually does bear the burden of unemployment, and the purpose of the recommendation offered by this commission is to insure that the people of Massachusetts handle this problem according to a wise predetermined plan instead of by the present erratic and inadequate emergency measures. The private stabilization of employment

primary objective is stabilization of employment, relief being a secondary consideration.

Two types of measures are recommended to increase stabilization of employment he said, one having to do with stabilization of the demand for employment and the other having to do with increasing the mobility of labor and decreasing the lost motion in passing from one kind of employment to another. Under the first category are the bills for the establishment of a public works planning board, for the establishment and administration of unemployment reserves, and recommendation of an increase in minimum school age from fourteen to fifteen years and later to sixteen.

Under the second category fall the bills for regulation of private employment offices, and for the extension of the system of public employment offices, and also recommendations in regard to vocational training and guidance of adult ratification of the child labor amendment, and statistical information service. There is also recommended a survey to secure information regarding resources for State industrial development. It should be kept in mind, he said, that unemployment is a serious social problem not only in times of depression, like the present, in which employment has decreased 50 per cent, but is also serious even in good times, in which employment may fluctuate seasonally 25 per cent over a period of a few years.

The joint legislative Committee on Taxation, meeting in the Gardner Auditorium at ten o'clock, will hold hearings Thursday on the recommendation of Henry F. Long, State Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, relative to the payment of interest on taxes recovered from the Commonwealth, and the petition of Mayor Curley for legislation relative to interest payable by cities and towns on reimbursements made as a result of abatement of taxes. The committee will hear also three petitions introduced by James J. Casey, chairman of the legislative Committee of the Association of Massachusetts Assessors; that the taxation of certain exempted articles of personal property be authorized, that the amount of property now exempt from local taxation be reduced, and for repeal of the exemption from local taxation of property of certain persons to the amount of \$2000.

The petition of Representative Roland D. Sawyer of Ware and Alfred Baker Lewis for the establishment of an unemployment insurance division in the State Department of Banking and Insurance with authority to establish and administer a system of unemployment insurance, will be taken up before the Committee on Labor and Industries, meeting in Room 433 at ten o'clock. Other matters to be heard include the petition of Joseph Angelo that the board of registration of barbers be authorized to regulate the working hours of barbers and the hours during which barber shops may be open, and the petition of Albert A. Sutherland for legislation to define the meaning of the provisions of policies and bonds issued under the compulsory automobile liability insurance laws.

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs will have before it the petitions of Mayor Curley for amendments of the building law of the city of Boston and for legislation relative to restricting the use of buildings and premises, bulk of buildings and occupancy of lots in Boston. Another matter to be heard before the committee, which meets at 10.30 o'clock in Room 436, is the petition of John J. Reardon relative to the method of taking action in certain cases by the board of appeal in the Boston building department.

Senator Henry Parkman, Jr., went before the Elliot Club, with headquarters at 9 Elliot street, Jamaica Plain, last night, and advocated a sweeping inquiry into city affairs, in much the same words in which his father addressed the club fifty years ago. The senator sharply criticized Chairman Frank A. Goodwin of the Finance Commission, saying:

"That there is waste and extravagance at the City Hall cannot be denied. Who ought to know about it? Listen to Frank Goodwin, arguing against an investigation. What does he say? He says, 'Now, is there waste and graft in Boston? I think so. I cannot prove there is any graft. I know there is waste.'

"What has he done about it? He says he has made reports—and he has—and the evidence in them is enough to justify a more sweeping investigation.

"But Goodwin has taken precious good care not to get his fingers burned. He has made reports but he has not done another thing to follow those reports up.

"To my mind it follows from Goodwin's own statements that the right way, the sure way to improve city government is to investigate the practices which his reports have disclosed, lay bare the causes and thus find the remedy.



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## PARKMAN DEMANDS CITY INVESTIGATION

Duplicates Action of Father 50  
Years Ago

Duplicating the action taken by his father 50 years ago, Senator Henry Parkman, Jr., last night stood before the Elliot Club and advocated a sweeping city investigation in much the same words in which his father addressed the same club in 1883. The club is a neighborhood organization with headquarters at 9 Elliot street, Jamaica Plain.

Declaring that the movement demanding a city inquiry "should not" and "cannot be ignored," Senator Parkman, chairman of the Senate committee on taxation, criticised Frank Goodwin, chairman of the finance commission. He asserted that while Goodwin's investigations usually indicated graft, the finance chairman seldom "went to the bottom of things" or completely uncovered suspicious situations.

He said, in part:

That there is waste and extravagance at the City Hall cannot be denied. Who ought to know about it? For one, the chairman of the finance commission, charged under the law with that specific duty. Listen to Frank Goodwin, arguing against an investigation. What does he say? He says, "Now, is there waste and graft in Boston? I think so. I cannot prove there is any graft. I know there is waste."

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If you listen to a hearing before the tax commission you will get a composite picture in terms of human misery of what burdensome taxes mean to countless families. That is the meaning of literally thousands of small home owners and taxpayers at the State House in recent days who feel instinctively that something is wrong and ask in desperation that something be done about it.

## URGES EFFICIENT ECONOMIC RELIEF

Bishop McConnell Links Hu-  
manity and Religion

Humanity and religion must be more closely related to insure more efficient relief measures in the present economic crisis, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, former president of the Federal Council of Churches, said last night at the Church of the New Jerusalem on Bowdoin street.

The meeting ended an all day conference on "Facing the Economic Crisis" held under the auspices of the Greater Boston Federation of Churches.

Mayor Curley was the principal speaker at the morning session held at the Twentieth Century Club and Dr. Earl T. Compton, president of M. I. T., gave the principal afternoon address.

During the afternoon the conference passed resolutions favoring the bill for unemployment relief presented by the special commission on stabilization of employment and opposing any weakening of the present state legislation.

Dr. Compton, as vice-chairman of the commission on the stabilization of employment, reviewed its program in his address. Mayor Curley pleaded for relief for Boston's needy and declared that more than 120,000 persons had been assisted from the public funds during the past week.

Other speakers at the conference meetings were Robert Watt, secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor; James Myers, field secretary of the social service department of the Federal Council of Churches; the Rev. Erville B. Maynard of St. Paul's Cathedral, the Rev. Lynn J. Radcliffe of the College Avenue Methodist Church, Somerville; Malcolm E. Nichols, general secretary of the Family Welfare Society; Mrs. Eva Whiting White, president of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union; Edwin S. Smith, commissioner of labor and industries, and the Rev. Russell Henry Stafford, pastor of the Old South Church.

## CURLEY WILL OPEN ROTARY CONVENTION

Mayor Curley agreed yesterday to open the convention of Rotary International in Mechanics building, June 8, "even if obliged to leave a cabinet meeting."

The invitation, couched in such phraseology was extended by Howard H. Feighner of Chicago, convention manager and led to a brief repartee with the mayor. The mayor himself gave no indication that he expects to be a member of President-elect Roosevelt's cabinet in June.

The Rotarians expect 40,000 delegates from all parts of the world and estimate that they will spend \$3,000,000 during the week that the convention will cover. Companions of Feighner who called on the mayor were Charles C. Dasey, vice-chairman of the convention, E. Wentworth Prescott, Bradbury F. Cushing, Henry P. Porter, president of Boston Rotary and Roger Preston, past president of the local organization.

## MUST KEEP MUM ON AID TO NEEDY

Council Ban on Welfare  
Workers

Boston's public welfare workers were ordered last night by the City Council to stop supplying information to insurance companies and public service corporations regarding families on the city's relief rolls.

Although the practice is specifically prohibited by law, Councillor David M. Brackman of Ward 12, Roxbury, himself a lawyer, protested in the council that in a number of cases insurance companies were supplied with the names of persons on the poor relief lists and the amount of money granted to them weekly.

Secretary Walter V. McCarthy of the welfare department asserted last night that the records are presented in litigation only when summoned by the courts. He explained, however, that with the knowledge and consent of the families, the department occasionally intercedes with the gas and light companies to supply service to families instead of shutting off their light and heat.

The right of the Soldiers' Relief Department to provide coal instead of cash to war veterans and their families was questioned by Councillor Burke, who secured the passage of an order, asking the law department for an opinion on the practice.

## ADMIRE THE MAYOR

To the Editor of the Post:

Sir—Please give the Mayor a break. Office holders as a rule are seemingly honest. But not only is His Honor honest, but he is the most hardworking Mayor that in my opinion has ever held the office. Certainly no Mayor in the last 50 years can come anywhere near his great record.

He is good to the poor and the unemployed, and everyone over at the Point section swears by him. He is due to go higher and success and good health to him and all his family and may God bless him.

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. LEAHY.

345 K street. South Boston.

# GOODWIN QUIT, SAYS PARKMAN

## Senator Charges Failure to Follow Up Charges

### Pleads for Investigation of City by Legislature

Chiding Frank A. Goodwin, chairman of the Boston Finance Commission, for his opposition to an investigation of the city of Boston and the Finance Commission, and charging him with "quitting" after he uncovers certain city conditions, Senator Henry Parkman Jr in an address last night before the Eliot Club, Eliot Hall, Jamaica Plain, declared it is the duty of the Massachusetts Legislature to order a thorough investigation.

Senator Parkman, who filed the petition to investigate the city and the Finance Commission, which attracted throngs to the State House at public hearings recently, said he was in favor of the proposed legislation. He also favored a second bill which he filed for Francis R. Bangs, calling for legislation to authorize the appointment of a new Finance Commission.

The Senator said he believed the matter should be handled in one investigation and indicated he would favor a combination of both the Bangs bill and the bill already heard before the Joint Committee on Rules. A public hearing on the Bangs bill is to be held at the State House before the Joint Committee on Cities March 2.

### Reply to Goodwin

Commenting on the Finance Commission's reports, Senator Parkman said:

"True enough, as Mr Goodwin says, he has made reports, he has disclosed waste and extravagance, but his words have been empty and of no avail. He has not followed through. Is there not reason enough here to explore the whole situation thoroughly? If the city is innocent, then rumors to the contrary, she'd be eliminated; if corrupt, then the people are entitled to have the practices corrected."

Referring to Mr Goodwin's appearance before the Joint Committee on Rules, Senator Parkman said:

"Goodwin took me for a gentle ride at the State House the other day, and I would like to reciprocate tonight. He said: 'Henry Parkman this morning favored this bill. He said he wanted to change the charter. You can change the charter very easily without digging up a whole lot more dirt, because we know all about conditions in Boston. For years the Finance Commission has been reporting it, year after year, in the reports.'

### Cannot Expect Politicians

"Now I grant Mr Goodwin that. He has reported some of the conditions he has uncovered, but then he quits and so far as I know he has not made one

single suggestion for changing the charter until that very day.

"To my mind it follows from Goodwin's own argument that the right way, the sure way, to improve city government is to investigate the practices, which his reports have disclosed, lay bare the causes, and thus find the remedy. It is a necessary preliminary to changes in the City Charter."

Senator Parkman compared conditions in Boston today with 1873 and declared that then, as now, "the city government could not be relied on to clean its own house."

"The politicians whose business is politics cannot be expected to do anything about it," he said, "in the absence of any interest on the part of those who elect them."

### Quotes Pavement Case

Senator Parkman analyzed the city's financial situation with total appropriation increasing; total income shrinking, and total valuations shrinking.

"Two answers are made to the picture this presents of a course that must be stopped—that, if continued, can only result in failing credit—and a bankrupt city and people," he continued. "One is that the increase is due to public welfare requirements—and the other made by Frank Goodwin at the State House, in effect, 'What of it—Get the money from the tax dodgers. Government should be as expensive as we can afford to pay for.' Neither answer meets the issue squarely."

"On Feb 4, 1931, the Finance Commission transmitted a report to the Mayor showing that the city was paying for bituminous pavement a sum ranging from 30 cents to 40 cents per square yard in excess of that paid in other cities for the identical pavement—many of them neighboring cities in the metropolitan district. Why should Boston pay 30 cents or 40 cents more a square yard than other cities? Where does the difference go? And why has the Finance Commission stopped its investigation there, just as the trail was getting warm?"

### Asks Where Difference Went

"Take a look at the report on purchasing, dated Nov 7, 1931. Wouldn't it be interesting to know who the Mohawk Packing Company is? Who are its officers and what the particular reason was why city officials found it necessary to place their orders with it rather than directly with the packers? But no, the investigation stops there—Goodwin is not interested to find out the reason why."

"Take a more recent case—the report of the Finance Commission Aug 5, 1932, on the purchase of traffic signal lights."

"It's a 'scandal' according to the Finance Commission—pretty strong words—but nothing done about it. Once more the question cries aloud for an answer. 'Why the award to a favored firm?' What happened to the difference in cost? Why should the taxpayers have to stand for it?"

# OLD HOWARD REOPENS, CENSOR IS SATISFIED

## Red Flannels Suggested by Chorus Girls

Aunt Addie, prim and proper Victorian maiden lady, could have attended the reopening of the chastised, censored and repented Old Howard last night without suffering the slightest blush at what she saw and heard on the burlesque stage. Back in action after a month of darkness that followed Watch and Ward testimony of "objectionable shows," the Old Howard burlesquers put on two hours of jokes, dances, specialty numbers, chorus ensembles, and "personality" acts that were sharply in contrast with the old days at this historic theatre.

Like Gilbert and Sullivan's skipper, the comedy men never so much as uttered "a big, big D—." There was not the slightest profanity; not the most remote suggestion of off-color situations. And, as for the girls, they could have appeared at a church social just as they were. "We should have brought our red flannels with us," joked one chorus girl back-stage.

In fact, many a big-time musical show of the best reputation appears without half the clothes worn by the girls at the Old Howard last night. Lillian Dixon, whose "personality act" knocked them out of their seats in New York, actually appeared on the stage in a crinoline gown, its skirts trailing the floor. Lillian's act was all "personality"—and that was all.

Down toward the front sat City Censor Santon White. He watched the show from the opening ensemble to the finale and then he said: "There's nothing to censor here; it's clean and harmless."

Typical joke: Mummy steps onto stage, asks: "Where am I?" "In the Old Howard," says the stooge. "I don't recognize it" "Ah, it has been swept out."

Typical songs: "Sweet Adeline," "Dinah," and "Fit as a Fiddle."

Most "harmless" situation: husband finds wife in artist's studio—curtain.

Verily, the Old Howard has gone crinoline.



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## DAUGHTER OF MAYOR CURLEY ENJOYS MIAMI SUNSHINE



LEFT TO RIGHT—MISS LAURETTA BREMNER, CHICAGO HEIRESS, AND MISS MARY CURLEY AT MIAMI BEACH, FLA. THEIR DRESS IS THE POPULAR MODE AT SOUTHERN RESORTS

## CAN PROBE ONLY, SAYS GOODWIN

### Asks Why Parkman Has Not Acted on His Reports

Chairman Frank A. Goodwin of the Finance Commission last night characterized the attack made upon him by Senator Henry Parkman, Jr., as the beginning of a movement by the Back Bay legislator's alleged "tax-dodging constituents to remove me from office."

#### LAW LIMITS POWER

Referring to Senator Parkman's protest that the Finance Commission issued reports on waste and extravagance at City Hall and then did nothing about it, Chairman Goodwin, in a public statement, retorted that the law limited the Finance Commission to making reports on its investigations to the Mayor, the City Council, the Governor or the General Court.

Seeking to place the blame for inactivity on Senator Parkman's shoulders, Chairman Goodwin stated that the latter was a member of the Legislature, the only body that would have power to remedy a situation in Boston that required remedy, but yet, "he has failed to lift his voice or take any action," asserted Goodwin.

#### Ought to Know Duties

In his reply to the Back Bay Senator, Goodwin stated:

"The attack made by Senator Henry Parkman upon me at a meeting last night is surprising, because of the fact that Senator Parkman served four years in the City Council of Boston and four years in the Legislature of Massachusetts, which would seem to indicate that he ought to know something about the duties of the Finance Commission.

"In the first place, his attack upon me is an attack upon all the members of the Finance Commission, because all reports and all actions have been unanimous. But more important is the lack of knowledge displayed by him when he criticised the commission for making an investigation, discovering what appeared to be irregularities and then going no further. Let us see what the law says:

"It shall be the duty of the Finance Commission from time to time to investigate any and all matters relating to appropriations, loans, expenditures, accounts and methods of administration affecting the city of Boston or the county of Suffolk, or any department thereof, that may appear to the commission to require investigation, and to report thereon from time to time to the Mayor, the City Council, the Governor or the General Court."

## BANQUET FOR COUNCILLOR

### Dignitaries Join in Honor to Thomas H. Green

City Councillor Thomas H. Green of Charlestown was suggested as the next United States marshal at Boston at a testimonial banquet given in his honor last night by more than 2500 supporters who crowded the banquet tables of the Charlestown State Armory and overflowed into the streets of Bunker Hill.

Councillor Green's service to Charlestown and to his party was applauded by Mayor Curley, former Mayor Nichols, judges, Congressmen, legislators, Councillors, clergymen and Mayors of the nearby cities, who held

high places of honor at the head table.

Upon arriving at the flag-decked hall, former Mayor Nichols was hailed as the "next Mayor of Boston" by the Charlestown gathering, which gave every indication that it would form a unit behind him in the coming city campaign. There were other prospective candidates for Mayor at the head table, however, including former Congressman Joseph F. O'Connell, City Councillor Clement A. Norton of Hyde Park, and President Joseph McGrath of the City Council.

Mayor Curley was wildly acclaimed by the banqueters, who presented him an illuminated testimonial with the wishes that he "take it to Washington" with him.

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## CURLEY GIVES DINNER FOR MAJ DOOLITTLE

### Business and Military Men Join in Honoring Flyer

Maj James J. Doolittle, noted war ace and head of the aviation department of the Shell Petroleum Company who flew to Boston yesterday, was given a dinner by Mayor Curley at the Hotel Somerset last night.

Maj R. G. Ervin, in charge of the Shell Eastern aviation division, was toastmaster and among the speakers were Maj Gen Fox Connor, commander of the First Corps area, with headquarters in Boston; Dean A. Fales, president of the New England section of the Society of Automotive Engineers; Vice Pres W. J. Filer of the Shell Eastern Products Company of New York; Dana Eaton, the Noyes Buick Company; H. F. Twomey, advertising manager, Jordan Marsh Company; Lieut Baker of Quincy, and Morgan T. Ryan, Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Mayor Curley and Gov Ely sent letters expressing their regrets at being unable to attend. There were 150 present.

Speeding in his trim cabin ship from Buffalo, the famous "Jimmy" Doolittle was met over Concord, Mass., by the flying "reception committee" and escorted to the Boston Airport, where he landed shortly after noon.

On the field to greet him were notable figures in the commercial life of the city, including Robert Mitten of Jordan Marsh Company, Charles S. Henshaw of the Noyes Buick Company, Vice Pres W. J. Filer of the Shell Petroleum Company, Maj R. G. Ervin, in charge of the Shell Eastern Aviation Division; Advertising Manager Twomey and Joseph McKeon of Jordan Marsh Company; P. H. Smith, K. L. Schmailzle and Jack Heiser, Shell officials, and Fred W. Nichols and Dana Eaton of Noyes Buick Company.

Mr Toomey, representing Gov Ely, presented pins bearing the State seal to Maj Doolittle and Maj Ervin.

W. J. McDonald of the Noyes-Buick Company sang several songs.

The visiting flyer was given a royal welcome by this group and then taken by automobile to City Hall, where he was presented a key to the city by Mayor Curley.

Between 2 and 3 this afternoon Maj Doolittle will be tendered a public reception in the show rooms of the Noyes-Buick Company, 857 Commonwealth av.

## COUNCILOR GREEN HONORED BY 2000

### Testimonial Banquet in Armory, Charlestown

All of Charlestown turned out last night to acclaim City Councilor Thomas H. Green, guest of honor at a testimonial banquet in the State Armory on Bunker Hill st., attended by more than 2000 persons, including members of the clergy and men prominent in the public and political life of the city and surrounding communities.

Mayor Curley said: "Tom Green has always been ready to come to the aid of the people of Charlestown who honestly need his assistance." He extended heartfelt greeting to the friends of Councilor Green.

Daniel P. Stack was the chairman of the committee in charge. Mayor John F. Devir of Malden was toastmaster. Mr Stack introduced Theodore Glynn as honorary toastmaster.

Mr Glynn spoke of the honor that Mayor Curley had brought to the city and characterized the Mayor and Mr Green as men whom the Democratic national committee could honor without offending anyone.

Rev Dr Mark E. Driscoll read the invocation. Timothy J. Kelly presided at the installation of Thomas H. Green as an honorary member of Col Fred Bogan Camp, U. S. W. V.

The members of the clergy invited to attend included Revs Henry J. Lyons, Edward Campbell, Frederick Allchin, William Chamberlain, James Doyle, John R. Wall, Daniel Golden, Wolcott Cutler, T. W. Davison, Wallace Forgey, Lynn Radcliffe.

Among guests were Ex-Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols, Pres Daniel McGrath of Boston City Council, Judge Charles S. Sullivan, Judge Emil Fuchs, James H. Brennan, Joseph A. Langone, Peter F. Tague, John P. Buckley, State Auditor Francis X. Hurley, State Treas Charles F. Hurley, Patrick H. O'Connor, Mayor John J. Murphy, Mayor John J. Burke, Mayor Andrew A. Casassa.

## FITZGERALD ASSAILS CONTROL BY STATE

### Ex-Mayor Advocates Bill for Mayor's Police Power

Declaring that the city of Boston has had to endure the stigma of the Garrett case and other scandals in its Police Department, despite the fact that the city has nothing to say about the management of its police force, Ex-Mayor John F. Fitzgerald of Boston yesterday supported the bill of Senator Joseph Finnegan of Dorchester to put the Police Commissioner under the control of the Mayor of Boston. At present the commissioner is appointed by the Governor and is responsible only to him.

"Under the present system, whereby the Police Commissioner is appointed by the Governor," said Mr Fitzgerald, "we have had promotions bought and paid for and sold."

The hearing was also enlivened by a clash between Senator Finnegan and Henry Dixon, counsel for the Massachusetts Real Estate Owners' Association. Dixon had declared the power of appointment was vested in the Governor as result of the demands of Wendell Phillips and other liberals who feared the loss of the right to peaceful free speech.

Finnegan replied: "It was a bigoted proposition. In 1885 Hugh O'Brien, an Irishman by birth, was elected Mayor of Boston. It was because an Irishman was elected that they took the power of appointing the Police Commissioner from the Mayor."

He said he had no grievance against Commissioner Hultman.

Boston pays the entire expense of the Police Department and this amounts to about \$6,000,000 annually. The crimes are not committed by Boston citizens, but by imported gangsters. If the Mayor were given the right to appoint the Police Commissioner, the people would insist that elective officials perform their duties.

Mr Dixon said his association believes Hultman has "done a good job." "He would have done a better job," he declared, "if he had not been harassed and nagged by politicians."

Asked by a committee member to name the politicians, Mr Dixon replied, "the Mayor, for one." He said if the Mayor appointed the Police Commissioner, the Real Estate Owners' Association might have been denied the right of holding its protest meetings against the city's administration.

Mrs Hannah Connors, secretary of the association, maintained Mayor Curley was behind the bill, "because he wants to place a gentleman he has in mind in that \$7000 position." She said the organization was satisfied with Commissioner Hultman's work, believing "he is about the only municipal official who is trying to do his job."



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POST



(Daily Record Photo)

**Speed Ace,** Maj. James A. Doolittle, is here being presented keys of city by Mayor James M. Curley, left, at City Hall. His Honor takes "Jimmy's" hat and tells him to feel right at home.

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## FITTONS HAIL CURLEY AS NAVAL SECRETARY

### Crowd Unaware of Report That Swanson Has Post

Unaware of the report that Senator Swanson had been selected as Secretary of the Navy more than 150 members and guests of the Fitton Athletic Association last night hailed Mayor James M. Curley as the "next Secretary of the Navy" while the orchestra played the rollicking tune of "Tam-man-y-Tam-man-y."

The ovation occurred as Mayor Curley entered the Flemish room at Hotel Brunswick, where the 25th anniversary of the formation of the East

Boston club was being celebrated.

Questioned later about the reception the Mayor said, "It was most gratifying and pleasing."

Whether he knew about the Swanson report Mayor Curley did not indicate.

In his address, which was brief, Mayor Curley declared that the entire gathering had "something to be thankful for in the poor aim of the assassin at Miami." He praised President-Elect Roosevelt as the "hope of the Nation."

He presented Frederick Sweeney, first president of the Fittons, a silver key. While holding the key, Mayor Curley remarked that "Congress in its wisdom had at last seen fit to reverse its stand on the prohibition question," and demonstrated that the key will remove bottle caps and contains a "respectable corkscrew."

Pres Joseph Leonard presided. Guests included Capt Ronan C. Grady of the United States Navy, City Councilor William Barker and Capt John J. Madden of the United States Navy.

## CURLEY APT TO TAKE BIG NAVY POST

### Appointment to Be Assistant Secretary Offered

BY ROBERT L. NORTON

According to a presumably well informed member of the Roosevelt "inner group," Mayor Curley will likely accept an appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Navy under the new administration. This is the same place which was occupied by President-elect Roosevelt under the Wilson administration. In fact, the offer has already been made, as the story goes.

#### ATTRACTIVE OFFER

"Why not take the place, 'Jim,' that I had under President Wilson?" is the language reported to have been used by Mr. Roosevelt in offering the appointment. And the President-elect is said to have added, with a smile, "You never can tell where it will lead to."

It also appears that the Mayor has been given consideration for four other posts, minister to Ireland, Governor-General of the Philippines, Governor-General of Porto Rico, and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

#### Wanted to Be Secretary of Navy

But there has been no definite decision as yet on any of these places, since the makeup of the Cabinet is still unsettled. It is not likely that assistant Cabinet officers will be selected until after March 4. It is no secret that Mayor Curley would have liked the appointment as Secretary of the Navy, but it appears that this place may go to Senator Swanson of Virginia or Senator Cohen of Georgia, who retires at the finish of the "lame duck" session. The appointment of Senator Swanson would make way in the Senate for ex-Governor Harry Byrd, who has been a strong Roosevelt supporter.



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## Hub Folk Far From Ice and Snow in Tropical Sojourns



## Vest Jacket

of newest design, with unusual sleeves, is here being worn by Mary Curley, daughter of Mayor Curley, sunning herself on the ocean front at the Roney-Plaza Hotel at Miami Beach, Fla. She was greeted by Pres.-elect Roosevelt a few days ago.

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## U.S.S. PORTLAND COMMISSIONED

The 10,000-ton cruiser Portland, most modern addition to the U. S. navy, was commissioned with colorful ceremonies today at the Boston navy yard in Charlestown.

In the presence of the entire enlisted personnel of the yard, under command of Rear Admiral Louis R. Nulton, Capt. Herbert F. Leary of Jamestown, R. I., took over the ship.

A delegation from Portland, Me., in honor of which city the ship was named, and Mayor Curley, representing Boston, were present.

In a brief speech, Mayor Curley said he hoped that the time might never come when the guns of the new cruiser would have to be trained against an enemy, but if that time did come, he knew the ship would live up to the high traditions of the navy.

The Portland will carry 607 officers and men, including marines and naval aviators. It will remain at the navy yard for several weeks until orders are received from the Navy Department.

The Portland is the second cruiser built under terms of the London naval treaty of 1930.

The Indianapolis, a sister ship, was commissioned at the Philadelphia Navy Yard last November.

The Portland was built at Fore River, where work on another similar cruiser will begin shortly.



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TRANSCRIPT

## Film Star Calls on Curley



Leon Janney, famous boy movie actor now playing at the Bowdoin Square Theatre, receiving a shillelah from Mayor Curley today during a visit to City Hall. The youth, who starred in "Father and Son" and "Penrod and Sam," is an all-round entertainer and a clever impersonator of celebrities and amused the mayor with his clever lines.

## Curley to Attend McGovern Rites

Mayor Curley will leave on the midnight train for New York to attend the funeral of Patrick McGovern, well-known contractor. The two men had been friends for many years. The last time McGovern was in Boston it was in connection with the contract for digging the East Boston vehicular traffic tunnel, on which he was an unsuccessful bidder. He then said it was one of the greatest disappointments of his life that one of his last big jobs of the kind could not have been carried out in the city which he loved the best of all in America.

## Willing to Give Kelly Information

Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman today said that he was willing to allow Francis E. Kelly, a member of the City Council, to have any information from the books of City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan, provided Kelly indicated specifically what information he wanted. Judge Fred T. Field of the Supreme Court then continued until next Tuesday the hearing on a petition for the writ of mandamus asked by Lally to compel Dolan to allow him to examine the books.

In the course of his argument Silverman said that he did not think the books of the city treasurer were public records. Kelly, however, was of a different opinion, and said he wanted specifically to know what had become of \$200,000 paid by the city between 1931 and 1932. He claimed he had been denied this information and he believed that the people of the city were entitled to know how \$2,500,000 of the money which they had paid into the city had been spent.

## What Job Curley?

**G**UESSES continue as to what Mayor Curley will get out of the Roosevelt administration. Several probabilities are listed:

- Assistant-secretary of the navy.
- Minister to Ireland.
- Governor-general of the Philippines.
- Governor-general of Porto Rico.
- Assistant-secretary of the treasury.

If Mayor Curley has his choice, which should he accept?

Assistant-secretary of the navy? What is there to that job but shifting around a lot of sailors? Governor-general of the Philippines? Nothing but trouble, trying to direct a people who do not know what they want. Governor-general of Porto Rico? Too hot, too many insects, no chance to deliver a good speech because people fall asleep—a national custom. Assistant-secretary of the treasury? Dull, dusty job.

Minister to Ireland? Ah, there's a job! Lovely country. Fine people. You can't throw a rock without hitting a gentleman and a scholar. Fine living. Excellent food. Sharp wits. Bubbling politics. Always a public question on tap. Excellent ferry service to Boston!

James, m'lud, if you can get that Irish job, take it. It is the best of the lot.

# NEW CRUISER PORTLAND PLACED IN COMMISSION

Ceremony at Boston Navy Yard Aboard Vessel Built  
At Fore River, Quincy



LEFT TO RIGHT—REAR ADMIRAL LOUIS M. NULTON, MAYOR CURLEY AND CAPT. H. F. LEARY AT EXERCISES ON CRUISER PORTLAND

The 10,000-ton cruiser Portland, built by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company at Fore River, Quincy, at a cost of \$11,000,000, was placed in commission at the Boston Navy Yard at 10:40 this morning, with formal ceremony on the after deck.

Officers, in full dress, with side arms, and the crew standing at attention, with guests from Portland, Me., for which city the cruiser was named, were present at the program placing the cruiser in commission in the United States Navy.

Rear Admiral Louis M. Nulton, commandant of the Boston Navy Yard, read his orders from the Navy Department to place the Portland in commission, after which Capt. Herbert F. Leary read his orders from the Bureau of Navigation detaching him from duty at the Naval War College at Newport, R. I., to take command of the Portland.

Then the commission ensign, a large American flag, was raised to the masthead at the stern of the cruiser while the band from the U. S. S. Southery played "The Star Spangled Banner." The senior officer aloft pennant and the Union Jack were unfurled as Capt. H. F. Leary, who is the senior of-

ficer aloft, took command of the cruiser.

Present at the ceremonies were Rear Admiral Nulton, his aid, Commander Harry K. Patrick; Capt. Jesse B. Gay, United States Navy chief of staff; Capt. R. R. Adams, captain of the yard; Mayor James M. Curley, Ralph D. Brooks of the Portland City Council, James E. Barlow, City Manager of Portland; Oliver T. Sanborn, fire chief of Portland; City Councilor Philip J. Deering of Portland and Miss Mary Elizabeth Brooks, who christened the Portland.

Mayor James M. Curley said in part: "This ship is a splendid addition to the national defense and a tribute to the character of the workmen here. In conformity with economy we have failed to keep pace with other Nations in the matter of naval defense. Our welfare has been greatly disregarded. Thanks to Almighty God we have not suffered through economic warfare.

"I rejoice in this latest contribution to the navy named after a New England city and in commission in the oldest Navy Yard in the country. I trust its guns may never be trained on an enemy ship, but in case they are I hope the officers and men will live up to the highest and noblest traditions of the American Navy."

## WILL GIVE KELLY SPECIFIED FACTS

Treas Dolan Calls for the  
Information Desired

Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, representing the city of Boston, said in Supreme Court that City Councilor Francis E. Kelly may have any information he wishes from the records of City Treas Edmund L. Dolan, if he will indicate specifically what he desires.

Mr Silverman made the statement at the hearing before Judge Fred T. Field on the petition of Councilor Kelly for a writ of mandamus to compel the City Treasurer to allow him to look at the books of his department. The Corporation Counsel said that Treas Dolan is willing to furnish the information, in spite of the fact that he believes his books are not public records.

Councilor Kelly replied that the books are public records and said that he had asked the city treasurer for specific information about what payments of more than \$200,000 had been made by the city in 1931 and 1932. This information he was denied, he said. "Many city Councilors will come after me," he said, "but I think I owe it as a duty to the people of the city to show, and I think the people of the city are entitled to know, what the city has done with the \$2,500,000 taken by the city from its employees."

Judge Field continued the case until next Tuesday to allow the parties to confer on the matter.

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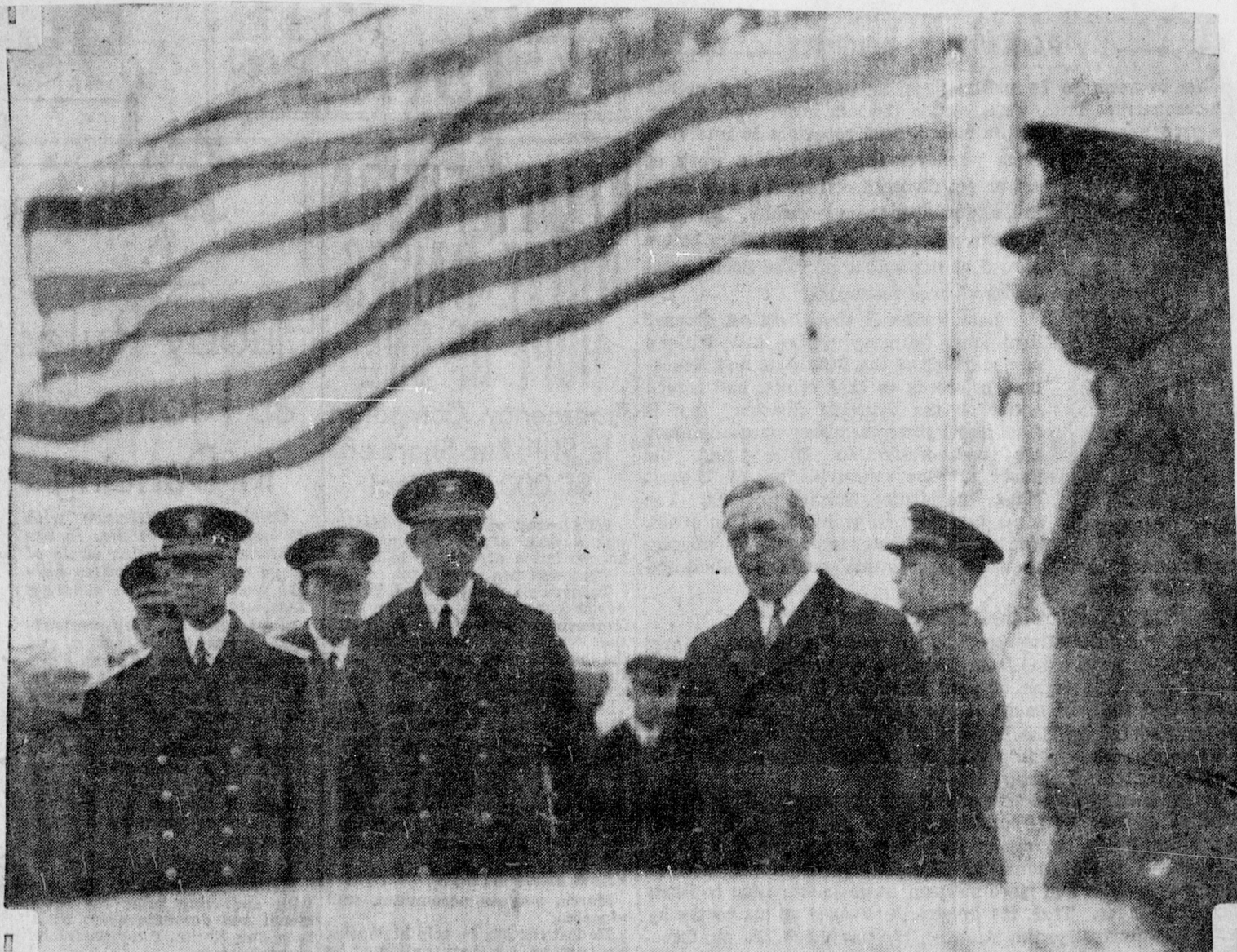
## SILVERMAN AGREES TO INFORM KELLY

Court Defers Action on Plea  
to See Dolan's Books

Hearing on the petition of City Councilman Francis E. Kelly for a mandamus writ to compel Edmund L. Dolan, city treasurer, to allow him to look at books of the city treasurer's department, was continued until Tuesday when Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman signified his willingness before Judge Fred T. Field in supreme court today to grant Kelly any information about the books that he desires.

Kelly declared that he had been refused information as to what payments of more than \$200,000 had been made by the city in 1931 and 1932.





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REAR ADMIRAL NULTON      CAPT. LEARY      MAYOR CURLEY  
MAYOR, IN BOSTON'S BEHALF, BIDS NEWEST CRUISER WELCOME

Mayor Curley made one of the chief addresses today at the Boston Navy Yard in Charlestown when the new cruiser Portland was formally commissioned into service. Mayor Curley is

shown here with Rear Admiral Louis R. Nulton, commander of this naval district, and Capt. H. F. Leary, who commands the Portland.

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# FIN COM SPLIT OVER GOODWIN'S FAILURE TO ACT

Donahue and Storey Clash  
With Chairman About  
City Budget

## AMAZED AT MASS OF NON-ESSENTIALS

Charge Efforts to Probe  
Various Details Are  
Hampered

Joseph Joyce Donahue and Charles M. Storey, Gov. Ely's appointees to the Boston finance commission, are on the verge of an open break with Chairman Frank A. Goodwin because of sharp differences of opinion they have had with him with respect to some of his administrative practices as head of the municipal investigating body.

For the past two weeks Donahue and Storey have been going over the city of Boston's budget item by item and have expressed amazement at the numerous non-essentials sought by various municipal departments in their budgetary requests. This is the first time in the history of the finance commission that such a close examination of the city's budget has been made by associate members of the commission.

These expensive non-essentials have been approved by Goodwin in the past.

At the conclusion of their current examination of the budget they propose to submit a report containing recommendations for drastic reductions in the budget to Mayor Curley and the city council regardless of Chairman Goodwin's ideas on the subject. They conferred extensively with Chairman Goodwin last night on the budget at an executive meeting at the finance commission headquarters on School street.

### RECENT REPORTS

Commissioner Donahue in particular is at odds with Goodwin with respect to the position he has taken in several of the recent reports on municipal practices that have been submitted by the commission. Admitting that both he and Commissioner Storey signed these reports, they contend that the reports did not go extensively enough into some of the details of the transactions on which reports were filed.

Commissioner Donahue said last night that he was not entirely satisfied with the commission's report on the city's purchases from the Mohawk Packing Company. He further admitted that he and his associates were somewhat hobbled in any endeavor to prosecute more thorough investigations because Goodwin, in his capacity of chairman, directs the expenditure of funds for the employment of investigators whose work is done through channels directed by Goodwin.

Donahue cited the difficulties that would be encountered in any action by associate members of the commission who might attempt to conduct an independent investigation. With Goodwin controlling the expenditures for investigators he would be in position to prevent his associates from doing the thorough job they might wish to accomplish.

One of the principal non-essentials in the municipal government to watch Donahue raises an objection is the expensive system in vogue of taking stenographic reports of all sessions of the city council. These reports, he said, cost the city \$25,000 annually and could be eliminated without any handicap to the mayor or the council.

Donahue and Storey threaten to carry their fight for a greatly reduced budget to a finish, although they expect little assistance from Mayor Curley because of his declaration more than one month ago that the budget now has been pruned as much as it can be without hampering the operation of the various municipal departments.

## Used the Mayor's Name In Matrimonial Fraud

Matchmaking was an expensive pastime for Frank A. Brown, druggist of 23 Greenheys street, Roxbury, who was sentenced yesterday to a year at Deer Island for accepting \$1160 from his former housekeeper on the understanding he would introduce her to Mayor Curley, object matrimony. He had just completed a 14-month sentence at Worcester for violation of probation, after he had been found guilty of several liquor charges by federal authorities, when he was sentenced yesterday. Miss Barbara McDonough of 24 Cumberland street, Back Bay, testified she had given Brown nearly all her life savings to arrange a meeting with Mayor Curley.

## KELLY REAPPOINTED PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR

Edward T. Kelly, chairman of the board of assessors since 1918 and in the city service since 1885, was yesterday reappointed a principal assessor for a three-year term ending March 31, 1936.

Other reappointments were: Joseph A. Tomassello, board of appeal; Harry J. Greenblatt, Thomas K. Reynolds, board of examiners; Arthur Johnson, sinking funds commissioner; Daniel T. O'Connell, Patrick F. O'Keefe, trustees of statistics department.

B H O B E

## "MATCHMAKER FOR CURLEY" SENTENCED

Given Year for Stealing  
\$1160 From Woman

Frank S. Brown, who pleaded guilty to stealing \$1160 from his former housekeeper, Miss Barbara McDonough, after telling her he would arrange a meeting between her and Mayor Curley, with marriage between them as the result, was sentenced by Judge Louis S. Cox in Suffolk Superior Court yesterday to serve one year in the House of Correction.

Inspector James Crowley of Police Headquarters informed Judge Cox that Miss McDonough had complained to the police that Brown had taken practically her entire life's savings and had promised to arrange a meeting for her with Mayor Curley. She claimed that Brown predicted that the meeting would develop into a marriage between the two.

Brown has just completed a 14 months' sentence for violation of probation but must immediately serve the sentence of one year for the larceny from Miss McDonough.

## CURLEY MAKES CITY APPOINTMENTS

Edward T. Kelly, 278 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, chairman of the Board of Assessors, yesterday was reappointed by Mayor Curley for a term ending March 31, 1936. Mr. Kelly entered the employ of the city June 3, 1885, and on June 24, 1918, was appointed principal assessor.

Other appointments made by the Mayor were Daniel T. O'Connell, 38 Upland av, Dorchester, member of the trustees of the Statistics Department; term ending April 30, 1935.

Thomas K. Reynolds, 129 Redlands road, West Roxbury, member of the Board of Examiners; term of three years from April 30, 1933.

Patrick F. O'Keefe, 122 Bowdoin st, member of the trustees of the Statistics Department, term ending April 30, 1935.

Arthur Johnson, 9 Louisburg sq, Boston, member of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds; term ending April 30, 1935.

Joseph Tomassello, 230 Pond st, Jamaica Plain, member of the Board of Appeal; term ending April 30, 1936.

Harry J. Greenblatt, 224 Seaver st, Roxbury, member of the Board of Examiners; term ending April 30, 1936.



# RECORD 2/24/33 Mayor Curley's Big Show on March 13

By S. J. MAHONEY

Seven leading middleweights are being sought by Eddie Mack to visit the Hub. The first one of the boys who accepts the Mack proposal to fight at the Argonne will get a job with Kid Slaughter for Mayor Curley's big show for the unemployed on March 13.

Each will probably give the offer some serious consideration.

For Mr. Slaughter is a tough young battler and can hit with terrific force.

Among the names mentioned to us yesterday were those of Dave Shade, Lou Brouillard, Ben Jeby, Gorilla Jones, Frank Bataglia, Tommy Freeman and Johnny Indrisano.



Mayor Curley

Other teams that Mack is negotiating with are Dutch Leonard and Mickey Bishop; Tony Shucco and Norman Conrad; Honey Melody and Fidel La Barba and Frankie Petrolle and George Salvadore.

Eddie Ran of Poland and Frankie Petrolle of Schenectady, N. Y., will appear in the feature contest tonight at Hartford, Ct. Those folks in that vicinity who like a real fight will see one, for Petrolle and Ran are of the type that are not afraid to mix things. Ran fought here some time ago and made a distinct hit, while Petrolle recently fought at Worcester with Victor Lott and proved himself a genuine crowd pleaser.

## MAYOR CURLEY'S 'BRIDE-FINDER' JAILED A YEAR

Frank A. Brown, Dorchester, alleged to have mulcted his housekeeper, Barbara McDonough, of \$1106 by promising that he would arrange her marriage to Mayor Curley, drew down a year's sentence on Deer Island in Suffolk court for his alleged matrimonial match-making yesterday.

Brown was taken into court directly after he finished serving 14 months in Worcester jail for violation of his parole on federal liquor charges.

In court yesterday, his attorney declared he had never committed an \$1106 larceny from Miss McDonough but that he had borrowed \$400 from her.

Miss McDonough charged Brown never even arranged that she should meet His Honor, though he frequently promised to.

## \$75,000 FORCED ON POLICE HEAD

Civic Committee Votes Radio Equipment Hultman Does Not Want

## HE ASKED \$300,000 FOR FULL EQUIPMENT

Despite the protestations of Police Commissioner Hultman, the city council finance committee yesterday moved to force on him an appropriation of \$75,000 for a short wave radio equipment in the police department.

Hultman objected on the ground the sum was only a small part of the \$300,000 he seeks to install a co-ordinated system of department communication, of which the short wave radio would be only one item.

The committee, nevertheless, unanimously approved a recommendation to appropriate \$75,000 for radio equipment. Asked by Councilman Norton before the committee acted what his decision would be, Hultman replied:

"I cannot commit myself. If you appropriate a lesser amount than I have asked for I shall have to investigate whether in my judgment and in the judgment of competent advisers the money would be wasted."

Throughout the conference, which approached personalities frequently, Hultman, and his adviser, Prof. Dugald C. Jackson of Tech, repeatedly declared radio should be the final phase of the co-ordination of police communications. Centralization of wires and installation of telephonic equipment in station houses and patrol boxes to improve the existing system of communication were held by Hultman and Jackson to be more important than radio.

Councilman Lynch asked for an explanation of the absence of Timothy A. J. Hayes, director of the police signal system, whom Hultman had been invited by the committee to present.

Tossing a cigarette on the floor, Hultman, in obvious resentment, said: "I don't want to be disagreeable; but the police commissioner is here as a matter of courtesy. The city council has no right to order any member of the police department to do anything. When the commissioner thinks that it is desirable to bring here Prof. Jackson, one of the foremost experts in the United States if not in the world, he thinks he is going his duty."

The commissioner's argument stressed the desirability of extending and replacing cables, installing new switchboards in police headquarters and the stations, and adding modern telephonic equipment to every signal box as well as the "blinker." Then radio, co-ordinated with speed in the transmission of information within the department, would be a supplement.

"To install radio now," he said, "would defeat its purpose, which is speed."

"You know, don't you," interposed Councilman Norton, "that 95 per cent. of police alarms dealing with crimes originate with citizens who make use of the telephone? Why are you so anxious to perfect a system far outside the origin of that percentage of reports of crime?"

"It would simply be a gesture," replied Hultman, "to spend \$75,000 for radio and Prof. Jackson's report is in agreement with this conclusion."

Prof. Jackson expressed the opinion that the extension of the communications system should be a complete job and not extended over a period of years. At least two years, he estimated, would be necessary to finish the work.

Hultman's declaration that "I came here to discuss the Institute of Technology report and I couldn't answer you" to the query of Councilman Ruby about the commissioner's attitude if the council limited an appropriation to radio inspired the councilman to lecture the commissioner on his responsibilities.

"You are appointed by the Governor," said Ruby, "and are answerable to him. You're not answerable to the city council, the mayor or the people of Boston, yet the taxpayers of Boston furnish the money which you spend. Councilmen are answerable to their constituents whether it is about the police appropriation or any other department budget and I believe that it is a fair question to ask you what your attitude will be about an appropriation for radio."

### 'KING' SOLOMON CASE

Asked by Councilman Dowd to express an opinion about the probability that radio would have led to the prompt capture of the murderers of Charles "King" Solomon, the commissioner absolved the department from blame for failing to make arrests and declared that if radio had been available, he doubted if an alarm would have been broadcast in time to warn patrolmen in Roslindale who would have arrested the murderers instead of releasing them, after halting their car.

"I had an idea that radio was a speedy method of communication," said Dowd, "but I'm surprised to know that in 12 minutes a radio broadcast meaning something could not have been sent out if we had had a radio system in the police department."

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AMERICAN

## Sail for West Indies Cruise



Send-off party on board the S. S. Franconia last night as Mayor Curley and his daughter, Mary, center, bid adieu to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McSweeney as they sailed for a 12-day cruise to the West Indies. Mr. McSweeney is associated with the Boston Sunday Advertiser and is a member of the Boston Sinking Fund Commission.

AMERICAN

## Mayor Curley Attends Rites for Patrick M'Govern in N. Y.

The departure of Mayor Curley at midnight for Great Neck, L. I., to attend the funeral today of Patrick McGovern, former Boston contractor, led the corridor cabinet at City Hall to call a hurried meeting.

Every time the mayor leaves the city, the see all, know all, tell all boys who cling about the hall like starlings, hold a meeting and announce what the mayor's plans are.

The corridor cabinet, through its spokesman, made the following statement today, a statement which the political owls regard as a close approximation to the truth.

### "CONFERENCE WITH WALSH"

"Mayor Curley and Senator David I. Walsh will hold a conference in Boston next week to discuss the disposition of several high-salaried federal jobs.

"The corridor cabinet knows from authoritative sources that Mayor Curley will urge Edmund L. Dolan, city treasurer, for the post of Collector of Internal Revenue. Filling this post may cause some friction, as the cabinet knows Senator Walsh has a candidate whom he is anxious to place in the same job.

"Mayor Curley will strongly urge that Charles H. McGlue, former chairman of the Democratic State Committee, be appointed as United States attorney here to succeed Frederick H. Tarr.

"For unnamed, but high-salaried posts, Curley will offer the names of Henry E. Lawler, assistant corporation counsel, and Daniel J. Chapman, South Boston real estate operator and staunch Roosevelt worker.

"And the corridor cabinet can say, without fear of contradiction, that Mayor Curley will make special efforts to find a good berth for Rep. Michael J. Ward. Ward 9 of Boston, you remember, was the only ward in the entire state to vote for the Roosevelt delegates at the national convention primaries. Rep. Ward, who controls Ward 9, was personally responsible for this Roosevelt and Curley victory.

"The cabinet also says with assurance that Postmaster Hurley will stay on the job in Boston."

Following this statement the spokesman retired to inhale a borrowed cigar with fellow members of the cabinet.

## HIGGINS' POST IN HOSPITAL ABOLISHED

### Secrecy Surrounds the Dropping of Long Island Head

Although every effort was made to keep the matter secret, it was learned today that the position of Henry A. Higgins, superintendent of Long Island Hospital, has been abolished by Mayor Curley.

The mayor left Boston last night without making announcement of his action and Institutions Commissioner James E. Maguire was equally as uncommunicative until news of Higgins' ouster became known.

Commissioner Maguire said the position had been abolished in the interest of economy, and said it would be unfair to both Higgins and the institution to say Higgins had been discharged.

Under the mayor's ruling Higgins was given leave of absence to March 2 at which time the position officially ceases to exist.

Higgins release follows on the heels of a secret report on conditions at the island sent Mayor Curley by Finance Commission investigators last week.

It is unofficially reported that this document sets forth that the superintendent has been deprived of much of his authority and that the hospital division is now being directed by Dr. Harvey Williams, resident surgeon.

Unofficial reports have it that the Finance Commission report also criticised Maguire and that there is a possibility that he may yet resign. Maguire denied this.

For some time past stories have been in circulation in City Hall concerning quarrels and misunderstandings between Maguire and Higgins.

Higgins was appointed superintendent of the institution in January, 1930, by Mayor Curley, at a salary of \$4500. He is a former member of the State parole board and at one time was editor of the American Prison Journal.



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### His Honor Invited Inaugural Guest



Mayor James M. Curley, shown yesterday at City Hall, as he read the formal invitation to the inauguration of President-elect Franklin D



**Benefit** sport show for the aid of the Boston Unemployment Fund was discussed by Eddie Mack and Mayor Curley yesterday. The show will be held at the Boston Arena with five 10-round bouts, one-half of the proceeds to be turned over to the fund.

# PRESIDENT-ELECT AT WORK ON HIS BRIEF ADDRESS

Hyde Park, N. Y., Feb. 24 (INS)  
President-elect Roosevelt was back in his Hyde Park retreat today, following an over-night trip to Albany, and prepared to get down to the task of drafting his inaugural address.

With him this afternoon, however, was National Democratic Chairman James A. Farley, who came from Albany in the Roosevelt car, so it was certain that most of the day would be devoted to a discussion of patronage.

## JOB FOR CURLEY

For some weeks, Farley has been weeding out a large list of "deserving Democrats" so that he might report to the President-elect those best qualified for the many fat patronage plums due to fall for the victorious party adherents.

It was reported, for instance, that Mayor James M. Curley, of Boston, who staked his political future in Massachusetts by supporting the President-elect before the convention, was due to get one of the most acceptable jobs that Mr. Roosevelt has to offer.

Full announcement of the new cabinet personnel is expected Monday. Three names already have been given out formally by Mr. Roosevelt and the other seven have been rather definitely established.

## TO TALK 8 MINUTES

It is quite likely that the President-elect will follow the same course that Harding took 12 years ago and submit his principal nominations to the Senate on March 4. This would enable their immediate confirmation and save two days.

The Roosevelt inaugural speech is to be limited to eight minutes, but the President-elect intends to give a great deal of time to its preparation in the next week. He is not expected to go into any detail concerning his policies for the "new deal" in this address, saving the comprehensive outline of his program for the message he will send to the special session of Congress to be convened in mid-April.

Mr. Roosevelt and his family will leave New York for Washington Thursday evening and go direct to the Mayflower Hotel to await inauguration.

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## MAYOR AND PROMOTER CONFER



Eddie Mack, promoter of the Argonne A. A., is here shown giving Mayor Curley a buzz concerning a big boxing carnival which the former plans to stage in the Boston Arena, March 13, half of the proceeds to go to the Mayor's Unemployment Fund. The Mayor being a redhot sport fan was a willing listener, as the picture shows, and, when the conference was over, gave Mack and the big league tourney his okay. The job of putting over the big show of five 10-round bouts, with a championship or so thrown in, starts this morning.



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# Mayor Curley Due for High Roosevelt Position

President-Elect and Farley Are Making up List of Appointments at Hyde Park—No Announcements Before Monday

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## SEVEN TO KEEP PRESENT POSTS

### Kelly Again Chairman of Assessors

Chairman Edward T. Kelly of the Boston Board of Assessors was reappointed last night by Mayor Curley to serve another term of three years in his municipal post, together with six other public officials.

Judge Daniel T. O'Connell of the Superior Court and Patrick F. O'Keefe of 122 Bowdoin street, West End, were appointed once more as trustees of the statistics department.

For three years more on the board of appeals in the city building department, the Mayor named Joseph A. Tomasello of 230 Pond street, Jamaica Plain; while Harry J. Greenblatt of 224 Seaver street, Roxbury, and Thomas K. Reynolds of 129 Redlands road, West Roxbury, were given another term on the board of examiners in the building department.

Arthur Johnson of 9 Louisburg square, Beacon Hill, was appointed by the Mayor to serve as a member of the sinking funds commission for the term ending April 30, 1935.

# Curley Slated for High Post by Roosevelt

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## Summons Woodin to Talk Finances

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# WHITE HEALTH FUND UNIT DEDICATED IN ROXBURY

## Building at Whittier and Hampshire Sts Seventh And Probably Last to Be Built



Seated, Left to Right—Dr Shirley W. Wynne, health commissioner of New York city; Acting Mayor Joseph H. McGrath; Robert G. Dodge, president of Boston Bar Association. Standing—Dr Charles F. Wilinsky, trustee; F. V. Bulfinch, Health Commissioner Francis X. Mahoney, Matthew Cummings, Gen Edward L. Logan.

The seventh and probably the last of the George Robert White Health Fund units to be erected in this city, was dedicated this morning at Whittier and Hampshire sts, Roxbury, the center of a densely populated section. The information that the Roxbury unit would undoubtedly be the last of the White Fund buildings, was given by Gen Edward L. Logan, manager of the fund.

Gen Logan said that more than \$3,000,000 had already been expended by the trustees in erecting units in East Boston, South Boston, West End, North End, Charlestown and Roxbury. Roxbury now has two units, one on Savin st and the new one on Whittier st.

The General explained that the income from the fund has practically been depleted and that further building is remote. The White Fund trustees provide the money for the erection and equipment of the buildings and the Health Department of the city of Boston provides for the maintenance of the units.

One member of the audience evidently thought that he was at a political rally, and while Dr Shirley W. Wynne, Health Commissioner of the city of

New York, was making his address, this hazy individual interrupted the guest speaker to inquire if he was speaking from what he knew or what he supposed.

Dr Wynne merely smiled good naturedly as the man was escorted from the auditorium by Inspector Carter.

### Boston the Pioneer

Invocation was given by Rev William T. Deasy, pastor of St Francis de Sales' Church, Vernon st, Roxbury. Francis V. Bulfinch of the firm of Coolidge, Shepley, Bulfinch & Abbott presented the keys of the building to Acting Mayor Joseph H. McGrath.

The health unit was presented to the city by Robert G. Dodge, president of the Bar Association of the City of Boston. The speech of acceptance was made by Mr McGrath.

Dr Wynne said that Boston is the pioneer in the erection of health units, that George Robert White was a far-sighted man to leave his money to the city for its betterment and that the trustees were to be congratulated for their decision to erect health units.

New York health units are now patterned after those built in this city, Dr Wynne said. Massachusetts was the first state to organize a Health

Department, said the speaker.

Health units have been largely instrumental in educating the public in regard to health problems, said Dr Wynne, in pointing out that typhus and cholera are now practically banished.

At the beginning of this century the expectation of life was 41 years, said the speaker. Through education in hygiene the expectation of life is now 56, and it was possible that this figure might be raised 14 years more, Dr Wynne said. In time persons might live easily to be 100 years young, he added.

Great praise was bestowed on Health Commissioner Francis X. Mahoney, Dr Charles F. Wilinsky, Mayor Curley and the trustees of the fund by Dr Wynne for their efforts in behalf of public health.

The purposes of the unit were outlined by Commissioner Mahoney. He said it was primarily an educational unit and was designed to promote personal hygiene and to prevent disease. Physicians at the unit examine, advise and direct, but do not treat, he said.

### Inspected by 500

Dr Mahoney and Dr Wilinsky exchanged complimentary remarks.

City Councilor Richard D. Gleason was listed as a speaker, but he was unable to attend, as he is still confined to the City Hospital with a leg injury.

Benediction was by Rev D. LeRoy Ferguson, pastor of St Cyprian's Episcopal Church.

More than 500 persons attended the exercises and they inspected the building.

The new building is on a site containing 87,000 square feet. Next to the building a playground is being developed with a fountain in the center and trees and shrubbery along the outside borders.

The building is designed in the Georgian type of architecture and constructed of red brick and limestone.

The interior arrangements are patterned after the earlier units. On the first floor are the children's dental clinics and a complete service for fluoroscopy and radiography.

### Plenty of Dressing Rooms

Sufficient consultation and dressing rooms are provided to allow for the examination of a considerable number of persons in a short time.

The second and third floors provide offices for social service organizations working in the community, as well as lockers and rest rooms for the personnel of these offices. There are also officers for the staff workers. The auditorium is on the second floor.

The fourth floor, which is set back slightly, has a large room with a glass roof passing the ultra violet rays of the sun, the value of which has been proven in earlier units in the treatment of children.

This room will be used for conducting classes made up of preschool-age children of the community.

The basement contains a cafeteria, with kitchen, boiler room, storage room and additional lockers.

Univents have been provided to furnish fresh air to the rooms which require ventilation. The waiting room corridor, preparation room and children's waiting room in connection with the clinics on the first floor have acoustically treated ceilings which absorb a large amount of sound and make for quieter clinics.



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## MAYOR CURLEY ON LIST FOR HIGH APPOINTMENT

President-Elect Roosevelt Confers With Farley  
Today in Regard to Choice of Officials

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### AWARDING OF PATRONAGE IN BAY STATE TO WAIT

WASHINGTON, Feb 24 (A. P.)—Senators David I. Walsh and Marcus A. Coolidge are making up their minds on the question of "who will be who" in the matter of Massachusetts patronage, but the much-awaited announcements won't be made for some time yet.

So far as Senator Walsh is concerned, he said today, he isn't going to annoy the President-elect with Bay State patronage until the new Executive has had a chance to dispose of more pressing problems, such as selection of his Cabinet.

"There will be no developments so far as Massachusetts patronage is concerned until after March 4," Senator Walsh said. "I wouldn't think of attempting to interest him in our State problems until the broad questions of national importance have been dealt with."

"He must choose his Cabinet, and the selection of the little Cabinet—the assistant secretaries—is of extreme importance."

Walsh added that to date he doesn't know whether President-Elect Roosevelt will give him and Senator Coolidge carte blanche to select the Federal office holders in Massachusetts, or will merely call for recommendations, to be passed on and approved or rejected by the new Executive and his advisors.

### MAYOR CURLEY OFF TO MCGOVERN RITES

Mayor Curley left the city, last night, on the midnight express for New York for the purpose of attending the funeral of Patrick McGovern, the late Boston subway builder, which will be held today at Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y.

## SUPT HIGGINS' JOB ABOLISHED

At Long Island Hospital  
Since January, 1930

Mayor Curley and Institutions Commissioner James E. Maguire have abolished the position of superintendent of the Long Island Hospital, it was learned today.

It is said that Supt. Henry A. Higgins, who was appointed to the \$4500 job in January, 1930, had been given a leave of absence until March 2, but Mr. Higgins could not be reached today. Some of his friends say he will not give up the job without a fight.

Mr. Maguire denied any friction as a cause for the action, saying that it was taken for economy reasons and provided for in the 1933 budget. He also denied that it was the result of a recent investigation made by the Finance Commission.

As a result of the action taken by the Mayor and the Institutions Commissioner, Mr. Maguire will take over Mr. Higgins' duties in addition to his own at the City Hall Annex.

### MAYOR CURLEY AND CONRY GO TO MCGOVERN FUNERAL

Mayor James M. Curley and Chairman Joseph A. Conry of the Traffic Commission left last night on the midnight train for New York. They will attend the funeral services for Patrick McGovern, contractor and former Boston business man, who died Wednesday.

### NEW TAMMANY CLUB SENDS GOD-SPEED TO ROOSEVELT

On the suggestion of Street Commissioner Theodore A. Glynn, who was representing Mayor Curley, the members of the newly formed Tammany Club of Dorchester last night drew up a message of congratulation and God-speed and dispatched it to President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mr. Glynn addressed the club at its headquarters, Hamilton and Bowdoin sts., on the urgency of citizens organizing to take part in political, civic and social affairs. More than 300 attended.

## MAGUIRE ALSO FACES OUSTER

Rumored He Will Follow  
Higgins Whom He  
Discharged

As Supt. Henry A. Higgins of the Long Island Hospital fought against the order turning him out of office, further reports from City Hall indicated today that the resignation of James E. Maguire, institutions commissioner, would also be demanded.

A clean sweep of officials at the hospital was predicted as the result of a secret report made to Mayor Curley by the finance commission a week ago, in which elimination of the office of commissioner or superintendent or both was recommended.

While Commissioner Maguire was telling superintendent Higgins that Mayor Curley "told me to fire you," it was reported at City Hall that the Mayor also told Maguire that his own resignation should be submitted.

In a bitter fight to oppose the abolishment of his position, which would take place Thursday under the terms of the order, Higgins declared, "I am leaving the island to see the Mayor, but am not leaving my job."

A sterilization operation on a woman patient was seen as the cause for the finance commission's investigation of hospital conditions and the indirect cause for the dismissal of Superintendent Higgins.

Superintendent Higgins' repeated demands for the removal of Dr. Harvey Williams, first assistant resident physician, who performed the operation, brought about the investigation.

A corps of doctors made an inquiry into the operation and reported that the woman operated upon was in such condition that the operation was advisable and necessary.

After the finance commission probe which ensued, the report recommended curtailment of officials at the hospital with the contention that the duties of institutions commissioner and superintendent of the institution were virtually the same.

### LAST OF WHITE HEALTH UNITS IS DEDICATED

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After an invocation by Rev. William T. Deasy, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, Francis W. Bullfinch presented the keys of the new unit to Acting Mayor Joseph H. McGrath and the unit was presented to the city by Robert G. Dodge, president of the Boston Bar Association. One of the speakers was Dr. Shirley W. Wynne, health commissioner of New York.

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## Higgins, Ousted Hospital Head, to Take His Battle to Court

Henry A. Higgins, superintendent of Long Island Hospital, whose position has been abolished by Mayor Curley, struck back at his opponents today.

Higgins charged the mayor has been grossly deceived and characterized removal proceedings against him as "a cheap old gag that goes back to Civil War days and that it's a subterfuge to get around civil service law."

"In an institution that has 600 employees taking care of 1200 inmates the attempt to remove me on grounds of economy is funny," he said.

"They have abolished the office of superintendent, which under the law cannot be abolished anyway. Commissioner Maguire is head of the department and I am head of the institution. I hold a civil service position and his is appointive. He cannot take over my job without taking a civil

service examination and changing his rating.

"I am astonished at the mayor's action. He must have been grossly deceived. I have been loyal to him for years. Everything I've done here has been to the mayor's credit.

"I am satisfied that when he gets the real story he will restore me of his own accord. I believe he will see his mistake and be quick to correct it.

"I have turned this case over to an attorney. The matter will be settled in court. I will defend my rights. When I leave this position on March 2 and take up my residence in town, I will have plenty to say about Long Island hospital."

Mayor Curley today denied a rumor that Commissioner Maguire would resign.

"There's nothing to it," said the mayor. "There is no reason why he should resign. His conduct has been above reproach."

## Boston Asked to Pray for Cermak

Prayers for Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago in all Boston churches tomorrow was requested today by Mayor Curley, on request from Harry Dooley, one of Cermak's secretaries. Mayor Curley issued this message:

"The City of Chicago has requested that prayers be offered in all churches on Sunday, February 26, for speedy return to health of Mayor Cermak, whose life is despaired of in consequence of the bullet of a would-be assassin.

"I am sincerely desirous that the request as submitted be honored as the leadership of this courageous and able executive is necessary to the welfare of the citizens of Chicago."

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## SUPT HIGGINS TO FIGHT OUSTE

### Told Long Island Po Would Be Abolished

Henry A. Higgins, superintendent of the Long Island Hospital, will fight the attempt to remove him from his \$4500 a year job, it was revealed last night. Mayor Curley and Institutions Commissioner James E. Maguire notified Supt Higgins yesterday that his office would be abolished next week in the interest of economy. Mr Maguire will take over both posts under the new arrangement.

The hospital came in for considerable publicity recently when a sterilization operation was performed upon a woman patient. Friends of Supt Higgins said that he opposed the operation and asked that the doctor, who performed the operation, be removed.

The superintendent conferred with attorneys yesterday after he was notified that he was to be ousted next week. His friends said that Civil Service laws protect him.

## 15,000 EXPECTED AT BALL OF FIREMEN MONDAY NIGHT

Dignitaries of the State and city, leaders in the business world and socially prominent persons will be among those who will attend the 54th annual ball of the Boston Firemen's Relief Association tomorrow night at the Boston Garden. Nearly 15,000 are expected.

Gov Ely will lead a delegation of State officials, while Mayor Curley will be accompanied by a large representation of city officials. Stage stars from Boston theatres will be present.

Both the Governor and Mayor have joined Fire Commissioner Edward F. McLaughlin in making an appeal for support of the Firemen's relief fund this year. All proceeds will be turned over to the fund, which aids injured firemen and their dependents.

The Firemen's Band of 150 pieces will give a concert from 8 to 9 p m. The grand march at 9 o'clock will be led by Mayor Curley and his daughter, Miss Mary Curley, followed by Fire Commissioner McLaughlin and Mrs Fred J. Dobbratz, wife of the president of the fund. Lieut Dobbratz and Mrs McLaughlin will be next in line.

A 50-piece orchestra will furnish music for the dancing.

The general committee for the ball is headed by Lieut Fred Dobbratz, E. J. Powers, treasurer, J. J. Higgins, secretary, and Capt J. H. Leary. The music committee includes H. J. Coveney, Lieut M. J. Gleason, Lieut W. J. McGonagle and N. J. Healy.

## ELY PARTY TO LEAVE HERE THURSDAY FOR CEREMONY

Gov Joseph B. Ely's party will leave the South Station at 8 o'clock Thursday evening to attend the inauguration of President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt at Washington Saturday.

The Governor will be accompanied by Mrs Ely, their son, Richard Ely and his wife, the Governor's brother, Charles F. Ely of Westfield and his wife, DeWitt C. DeWolf, secretary to the Governor; Miss Louise DeWolf, the secretary's daughter; Adj Gen John H. Agnew and members of the Governor's military staff.

The committee of Massachusetts Democrats which the Governor was directed to appoint by Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, chairman of the Presidential inauguration committee, will accompany the Governor. They include Joseph A. Maynard, chairman of the Democratic State committee; Mr DeWolf, Morgan T. Ryan, State Registrar of Motor Vehicles; Mayor James M. Curley, Miss Mary H. Ward, member of the Democratic national committee; Miss Mary E. Lucey of Holyoke, Vincent Brogna, Leo M. Goulston, Arthur T. Lyman Jr, Mrs LaRue Brown and Ex-Mayor John F. Fitzgerald.

The arrangements for the trip are in the hands of Maj Edward J. Sampson of the Governor's military staff.



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## INDICATE CURLEY MAY BE NAMED

Mayor Has Long Talk  
With Roosevelt

Motors to President-Elect's  
Country Home With Conry

No Information Given Out  
on "Little Cabinet" Post

Special Dispatch to the Globe

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Feb. 24—Indication that the claim of Mayor James M. Curley of Boston for an office under the Roosevelt Administration is being considered was seen tonight when the Mayor had a long conference with President-Elect Roosevelt at his home here. There have been many rumors about a position for Mayor Curley in the "High Command"; chiefly appointment to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury or Assistant Secretary of the Navy have been mentioned.

Mayor Curley was in New York city today to attend the funeral of Patrick McGovern, New York contractor who began his business life and had many friends in Boston. Earlier in the day, he had ordered his chauffeur to drive from Boston to New York.

He then drove to Hyde Park, accompanied by Joseph A. Conry, chairman of the Boston Traffic Commission and the man who accompanied him on his Western swing in the bid for Roosevelt votes in the Presidential campaign.

### Said to Be Slated for Office

Mayor Curley conferred with President-Elect Roosevelt for "a long time," according to reports, but there was no information given to the press after the conference. Mayor Curley and Mr. Conry left for Boston by automobile some time after 9 o'clock tonight.

President-Elect Roosevelt was in Albany today and he motored to his home with James A. Farley, chairman of the Democratic national committee and the choice for Postmaster General in the Roosevelt Cabinet.

Afternoon dispatches from Hyde Park said that Mayor Curley was on the list for appointment to high office, but an unofficial slate of names for the so-called "Little Cabinet"—assistant and under secretaries—did not include the Mayor of Boston.

### His Claim Not Forgotten

Curley's claim for consideration, however, as the die-hard Roosevelt pre-primary leader in Massachusetts last Spring when the State was swept

by Alfred E. Smith, were not discounted.

It was learned that during the afternoon Mayor Curley had tried to get in telephone communication with President-Elect Roosevelt by long-distance telephone from New York. He was unsuccessful and the automobile trip was believed to have been decided upon so that Mayor Curley might confer personally with the President-elect.

## Post WILL FIGHT TO KEEP HIS \$4500 JOB

Head of Long Island  
Hospital Contests  
Removal

Public airing of charges of alleged "birth control" at the Long Island Hospital loomed last night as Henry A. Higgins, nationally-known penologist, prepared to appeal to the courts in a battle to retain his \$4500 post as superintendent of the harbor institution.

### SECURES COUNSEL

Notified that he will be removed Thursday when his position will be abolished as a measure of economy by Institutions Commissioner James E. Maguire, with the approval of Mayor Curley, Superintendent Higgins took his "day off" yesterday to come up from the island to engage counsel.

Superintendent Higgins' removal followed his insistent demands during the past six months for the dismissal of a young surgeon who performed a sterilization operation upon a 30-year-old unmarried mother of four children in the maternity ward of the institution.

Investigation of the finance commission revealed that Superintendent Higgins had been stripped of his authority over the administration of the hospital and that the surgeon was placed in command.

Noting the dissension between the institutions commissioner and the hospital superintendent, the finance commission contended that the two positions be consolidated, so that one man would have complete charge of the entire department.

### To Live on Island

Commissioner Maguire announced last night that he will personally go down the harbor and live at the superintendent's house at the hospital, and spend a few days a week at his City Hall office to administer the other divisions of the institutions department.

Meanwhile, Superintendent Higgins will carry on his fight for his post and vindication, according to friends who have known him as a member of the State Board of Parole, master of Deer Island, secretary of the Massachusetts Prison Association, and editor of a nationally-known journal on criminology.

Under the civil service laws, he will demand a public hearing before the institutions commissioner, and if the latter confirms his order of removal at the end of the hearing, then Superintendent Higgins will appeal to the East Boston Court for a review.

If he should show the court that he was removed in "bad faith" and not for "just cause," the civil service laws would require his reinstatement with back pay for all the time he lost, legal experts pointed out last night.

### Denies Any Friction

Commissioner Maguire last night scoffed at the reports of friction between himself and Superintendent Higgins, declaring that at the beginning of the Mayor's administration he "forced" Mr. Higgins to take the job as superintendent.

Commissioner Maguire said he had been an intimate friend of Superintendent Higgins since their early days in East Boston, when the latter was a physical director who had won the title as the "strongest man in New England" by virtue of gymnasium tests.

As for the operation performed upon the Dorchester woman, who four times had been a patient at the island hospital, Commissioner Maguire asserted that he was willing to take the word of the hospital visiting staff, comprising many of Boston's eminent physicians and surgeons. After an investigation, the visiting staff reported that the operation was necessary for medical reasons, he said.

## CASH IS SAFE AT CITY HALL

Can Lose Money There  
and Get It Back

City Hall is a safe place to lose money, according to Maurice Fitzgerald, janitor of the building. Late yesterday Maurice found \$47.16 resting on a pedestal on the fourth floor beside the elevator shaft. A few minutes later a woman came out of the elevator and asked him if he found any money. She explained that she had left it on the pedestal to put on her gloves and when the elevator came along, she stepped in, leaving the money behind.

"It was just \$47.16," said the woman. "Here's your money," said Maurice, counting it out.

# SUPT. HIGGINS TURNED OUT, HIS POST ABOLISHED

Will Fight Action, He Says,  
Declaring He Opposed  
Sterilization

## CLAIMS HE ORDERED DOCTOR'S REMOVAL

Incident Caused Fin Com  
Demand for Reduction  
Of Executives

A sterilization operation performed on a woman patient at the Long Island Hospital early last fall indirectly led to an order issued yesterday abolishing the position of superintendent of the hospital and thereby turning Supt. Henry A. Higgins out of office.

Supt. Higgins, incensed at the operation, repeatedly demanded the removal of Dr. Harvey Williams, first assistant resident physician, who performed it. It was the superintendent's request that brought about a finance commission investigation of conditions at the hospital.

The dropping of Dr. Williams from the medical staff, a drastic reduction in the number of permanent employees including nurses, an investigation of the needs of the hospital by a staff of experts and a threat of a demand for a grand jury probe of the operation by Superintendent Higgins are other immediate developments at the institution.

### LUND HEADS PROBE

A corps of doctors, headed by Dr. Charles C. Lund, a member of the hospital staff, made an investigation of the operation and reported that the woman operated on was in such condition the operation was advisable and necessary.

The finance commission report failed to record anything concerning the operation, but made recommendations of curtailment of officials, including the abolishment of the office of either the institutions commissioner or the superintendent of the institution, contending that the duties were virtually the same.

Yesterday's order was issued by James E. Maguire, institutions commissioner, who told Supt. Higgins that Mayor Curley, "told me to fire you and you're fired." It was reported at City Hall

yesterday that the mayor also told Commissioner Maguire that his own resignation should be submitted.

Supt. Higgins declared last night that he will fight to retain his position even to the extent of carrying his case to the courts.

"I have given three years of the cleanest service that has ever been given at the institution," he declared. "I have been friendly with Mayor Curley and have great respect for him, but I am living down here, six miles from City Hall, and apparently some one has done a job on me. It is my intention to see the mayor at the earliest opportunity and I am confident when he hears my side of the trouble here the order will be rescinded."

Questioned about the sterilization operation and his conflict with Dr. Williams regarding it, he said:

Yes, I asked for Dr. Williams's removal several months ago and have repeatedly asked for it. The operation was unnecessary and illegal and it really is a case for the district-attorney or grand jury.

I will not back water on my stand in the matter.

Both Dr. Lund and Dr. Ransom A.

Greene, the latter superintendent of the Walter E. Fernald State School at Waltham and an authority on sterilization, stated last night that as far as they know Massachusetts has no law either permitting or forbidding sterilization. There are laws, however, Dr. Greene said, permitting such operations in 22 states, in some of which, under certain conditions, the operations are mandatory.

"I have a record of 25 years of clean service in both state and city," said Supt. Higgins. "I regard my honor more than my job. I don't know what is in the finance commission report, but they must have given me a clean bill of health, for if they had gotten anything on me, charges would have been preferred. Instead my office is abolished to get rid of me. The courts will have to decide the validity of the act unless the mayor rescinds the order. I am leaving the island to see the mayor, but am not leaving my job."

### WOULD END THURSDAY

Under the terms of the order, the office of superintendent is abolished next Thursday. The position pays \$4500 a year.

Commissioner Maguire announced yesterday he would establish his residence at the island and will occupy the quarters which he says Supt. Higgins must vacate.

Supt. Higgins is well known as a penologist. He was born in East Boston 56 years ago.

His first connection with institutional work was in 1917, when he was made assistant commissioner of penal institutions. In 1918 he was made master of the house of correction at Deer Island and after service of two years he accepted appointment as deputy commissioner of corrections of the commonwealth. He served as a member of the board of parole, was its acting chairman in 1924, was a member of the Governor's advisory board of pardons, and left the state service in 1925 to become secretary of the Massachusetts Prison Association.

He has long been interested in prison work and has a national reputation and acquaintanceship. He has served as a vice-president of the National Prisoners' Aid Society and on the executive committee of the National Prison Association.

His appointment three years ago as superintendent of the Long Island institution followed sensational charges of misuse of liquor at the hospital in a finance commission report to Mayor Curley, resulting in the removal of John J. Ryan as superintendent and H. Benton Fenton as chief pharmacist.

Dissension is reported to have resulted among the doctors composing the medical staff relative to the operation, the investigation by the staff being termed by one of the members, it is reported as a "whitewash." Photostatic copies of institution records and of a letter bearing on the case of the patient are possessed by Supt. Higgins and are said to negative the claims that the operation was necessary and legally justifiable.

Maguire's attempt to minimize the far-reaching importance of the recommendations submitted by the finance commission in a secret report made to Mayor Curley a week ago did not reconcile with the official admissions of the important features of the report.

The commission sharply criticized Maguire's management of the institution, severely arraigned Higgins, revealed that discipline has been destroyed by the commissioner's administrative policies and advised the mayor to abolish either the commissionership or the superintendency pending a reorganization of the penal institutions and the institutions' departments.

The finance commission informed the mayor that there are far more employees at the island than are necessary. To conform to the demand of the commission Maguire announced yesterday that he will reduce the employees and compel inmates of the infirmary to do more work.

In criticising Maguire, the commission reported to the mayor that his declination to uphold Higgins had killed discipline. Employees found drunk on the island and suspended by Higgins have been reinstated immediately by Maguire with the result that they adopted an attitude of insolence toward the superintendent.

The commission also asserted that the retention of a commissioner and a superintendent at high salaries could not be justified and suggested to the mayor that either or both should be eliminated.

## POST FOR CURLEY IS STILL IN AIR

[Special Dispatch to The Herald]

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Feb. 24—Mayor James M. Curley of Boston, who supported Mr. Roosevelt for the presidential nomination, called on the President-elect at his home tonight. Mr. Roosevelt and his advisers, it was learned, wish to recognize Mayor Curley by giving him some appointment but are at a loss to know what position to offer him. Friends of Mr. Roosevelt have suggested that the mayor be appointed minister to the Irish Free State.



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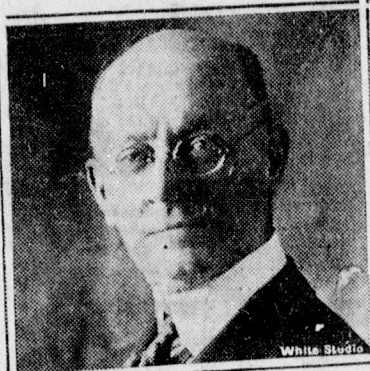
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## ROOSEVELT'S SECRETARY OF WAR TO BE IN BOSTON MARCH 17

Ex-Gov Dern of Utah to Attend Banquet of the  
Charitable Irish Society



EX-GOV GEORGE H. DERN  
of Utah



THOMAS A. MULLEN

With brilliant speakers, including a new Cabinet member, Ex-Gov George H. Dern of Utah, to be Secretary of War, pledged to respond to toasts, the Charitable Irish Society dinner at the Copley-Plaza Hotel, March 17, is expected to be one of the most successful in its history of 196 years.

It required a trip to Washington by Ex-Pres Thomas A. Green to secure Ex-Gov Dern. He will respond St Patrick's night to the toast, "The United States of America." Mr Green talked with Vice President-Elect Garner, Senator Walsh, Senator Ashurst and Congressman McCormack seeking advice for a speaker. Mr Garner promised to come here at a later date. All four said Gov Dern was a fine speaker.

James Roosevelt, son of the President-elect, finally was responsible for securing Ex-Gov Dern, who is a brilliant orator, and can ably fill the role assigned to him. Also the younger Mr Roosevelt stated that he would make all possible efforts to attend the banquet.

Gov Ely agreed some time ago that he would answer the toast, "The Com-

monwealth of Massachusetts," and Mayor Curley told the committee it could count on him for the "City of Boston" one. Dr Joseph J. Reilly of Hunter College, New York city, widely-known as an Irish scholar, and unsurpassed for his knowledge on the life of Cardinal Newman, will have "The Day We Celebrate" topic.

There has been a change in the usual procedure of introducing the speakers by the toastmaster. This year the society has turned the task over to Thomas A. Mullen, widely-known attorney here, noted for his wit and eloquence, to handle the dinner in his own way.

There will be an exceptionally fine musical program by the 101st Regiment Orchestra. And all the speakers who have given the interesting talks at the monthly meetings this Winter, together with executives of other organizations similar to the Charitable Irish Society, will be guests at the head table.

On the morning of St Patrick's day, the annual business meeting will be held and new officers chosen for the 1933-34 year.

### CURLEY A VISITOR

Mayor James M. Curley of Boston was a visitor at Hyde Park last night. He is another who is due for important recognition in reward for campaign services, but the spot has not yet been determined.

Jesse I. Straus, New York merchant prince, is another for whom a post is being sought. He has been mentioned for either the ambassadorship to Paris or to Cuba.

Tonight Mr. Roosevelt will motor 12 miles up the Hudson Valley to Staatsburg, where a large group of "old neighbors" have planned a farewell party for him.

## ROOSEVELT HAS PLAN TO OPEN CLOSED BANKS

President-elect Hopes  
to Release Funds to  
Many Depositors

By GEORGE E. DURNO  
International News Service Staff  
Correspondent.

Hyde Park, N. Y., Feb. 25 (INS)—The domestic banking situation, still strained in spots, was reviewed today by President-elect Roosevelt.

William H. Woodin of New York, scheduled to be the next Secretary of the Treasury, was the principal caller at Hyde Park for a luncheon conference.

Woodin was fresh from long conferences with Secretary of the Treasury Ogden Mills, and from a meeting of the board of directors of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, of which he is a member.

One of Mr. Roosevelt's first efforts after March 4 will be the business of bolstering institutions that remain shaky and the reopening of others in which large sums of the public's deposits are frozen at present.

Before coming to his family estate here, the President-elect conferred at length with Jesse Jones, of Texas, a member of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., on this same subject. Jones is slated to become chairman of the R. F. C. under the new administration.

### WORKS ON INAUGURAL

A part of the President-elect's day was to be devoted to beginning the draft of his eight-minute inaugural address and supervising packing of personal effects and papers he wants to take to Washington with him.

Mr. Roosevelt and his chief political advisor, National Chairman James A. Farley, meanwhile have worked out a plan for state patronage distribution designed to put Roosevelt adherents into key positions at once—so far as possible.

New York probably will be the first state that gets its "whole patronage picture painted at the same time." Illinois and other pivotal states will get similar treatment soon after, and the remainder as soon as is physically possible.

Henry Morganthau, Jr., New York State conservation commissioner, has been picked to become chairman of the Federal Farm Board, as one of the most important of the general appointments to be revealed. James Stone, present chairman, has announced his resignation, effective March 4.

# Curley Reward by Roosevelt Still in Air

## Seems Eliminated as Cabinet Choice — 2500 Bay Staters to Attend Inauguration

By William F. Furbush

The merry-go-round of discussion over the berth which Mayor James M. Curley will have in Franklin D. Roosevelt's Administration continues, with no definite hint or word of what the mayor's activities will be on March 4 other than that he will have a prominent part among the 2500 or more Democrats from Massachusetts who will be in Washington for the inauguration of the new President. Lingered hopes of Mr. Curley's friends that he might be selected for a major Cabinet position were gradually whittled away during the week until now the most they look for is an Assistant Secretaryship, possibly in the Navy Department or Treasury Department, for the man who led the battle in this hostile territory for Roosevelt's nomination at Chicago.

Whatever position the President-elect has in store for the mayor—and observers generally are in agreement that it will be a somewhat important one—his friends are becoming more and more convinced that, on, or shortly after, March 4, Mr. Curley's name will be on the Federal and not on the Boston payroll. As previously observed, the mayor for some time has been active in arranging to place members of his secretarial staff in other branches of the city service, or in outside activities. Evidence also has been increasingly accumulating during the past few days of vigorous attempts by the mayor to "clear the decks" of his official duties in apparent preparation for an early entrance into Federal service.

It has been such activity by Mr. Curley that has convinced observers and his close official associates that he has for a long time been aware that he would be called upon to participate in the Roosevelt Administration. The mayor's absolute silence on the subject during the past several weeks, especially since his apparently playful hint of departure when he called upon city council members, at a Parker House luncheon, to continue their past co-operation with himself "or his successor," has confounded his associates. They have been as much "in the air" in speculating upon his future as observers further removed from his confidence.

### Would Be Near as Consultant

Today, however, they insist that he is slated for an assistant secretaryship, although they wouldn't be surprised if he were offered a diplomatic post such as minister to the Irish Free State as the only reward which Roosevelt could comfortably present. Such an eventuality, if the mayor continues in the same frame of mind he indicated months ago, is not considered a probability in view of the fact that Mr. Curley is understood to prefer strongly to remain in this country.

His unofficial conversations would indicate that he could well feel that he would be of more value to the incoming President as a consultant on governmental matters, such as the unemployment problem and methods of paring

down governmental costs in such instances, for example as excessive use of automobiles in Federal service. In his many years of experience as chief executive of Boston and as a member of Congress the mayor obviously has a fund of information on tap for consideration by the new President in the herculean job he has ahead of cutting down Federal outlays by 25 per cent in accord with his pre-election outlines. In this connection there has been suggestion that, because of his experience in city government, the mayor's reward might come in the form of appointment as head of the commission governing the District of Columbia.

### Farley-Walsh Angle

Elimination of Curley from consideration for a major Cabinet position came during the week with the definite announcement of the President-elect's selection of James A. Farley of New York to hold the portfolio of Postmaster General and of Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana to head the Department of Justice as Attorney General. By selecting Farley and Walsh, the President-elect has placed two Catholics in his Cabinet and those who hold high positions in the party have all along contended that Mr. Roosevelt could not be expected to exceed that number. While there is no concrete basis for the conclusion, it is generally understood among party leaders that advice to that effect was strongly advanced by Joseph P. Tumulty, himself a Catholic, who, by virtue of the fact that he was secretary to President Woodrow Wilson, is in a position to have much weight as a consultant on the subject.

That the selection of Mayor Curley for some Federal post may be imminent is seen in the fact that he was a caller upon the President-elect at Hyde Park, N. Y., yesterday, for another of many conferences he has had with Mr. Roosevelt since the latter's election in November. The mayor and the President-elect maintained their customary silence after the meeting which lasted a "long time," but it is generally believed here that the mayor came away from the conference either with confirmation of a previous understanding or some satisfactory change which may have resulted from developments during the past week which did not include his name in the tentative list of selection for either the major or the "little" cabinet.

The mayor will be in Washington officially on March 4 as a member of the Massachusetts inauguration committee, headed by Governor Joseph B. Ely. Others in the committee, which will make its headquarters at the Hotel Mayflower in Washington and will leave for the

capital on the Federal Express next Thursday night, will include Chairman Joseph A. Maynard of the Democratic State Committee, DeWitt C. DeWolf, secretary to Governor Ely; former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, Vincent Brogna, Arthur Lyman, Miss Mary Ward, national committeewoman, Miss Mary E. Lucey, vice chairman of the State committee, Leo Goulston, Morgan T. Ryan and La Rue Brown.

Chairman Maynard explained today that because of difficulties in obtaining hotel and room accommodations in Washington no attempt had been made to have the Massachusetts visitors assemble as a solid unit in the capital, as the best arrangements that could be made provided for groups not to exceed about twenty-five persons. For this reason a group of members of the State Committee and friends numbering about 120, have been formed into a tourist party under the direction of Joseph M. Shea. This group will leave the South Station at six o'clock Thursday night for Washington via New York on the Fall River Line.

Another group, comprising the mayors of the metropolitan cities and their friends, will join a party from Maine headed by Governor Brann, and make the journey via New York on the Eastern Steamship Lines. Groups from other sections of the State, going to make up a total of at least 2500 Democrats, as estimated by Chairman Maynard, have arranged their individual itineraries, traveling by motor or train.

In the speculation over the post to be accorded Mayor Curley, the subject of distribution of local Federal patronage naturally will be to the front. In this particular, only one of the Bay State inauguration participants, so far as has been indicated, will make the trip with reasonable assurance of selection for one of the lucrative Bay State jobs. He is Chairman Maynard, indicated by Postmaster General-to-be Farley as the one who will succeed W. W. Lufkin as collector of the port of Boston.

Excepting Maynard, aspirants for other positions, must continue in uncertainty until after March 4, before which time, Senator David I. Walsh, chief patronage consultant hereabouts, says he will not act.

Discussion over probable beneficiaries of the change in party presidential control again includes talk that Leo H. Leary of Brookline, former football coach at Harvard and a strenuous worker in the November campaign, has a position out front in consideration of a successor to Thomas W. White, collector of internal revenue. Leary has been mentioned for possible selection as United States district attorney to succeed Frederick Tarr. Discussion to that effect was started several weeks ago when Leary was among a group of attorneys accepted as members of the Federal bar.

## CURLEY MEETS F. R., MENTIONED AS ERIN ENVOY

Hyde Park, N. Y., Feb. 24 (AP) — Mayor James M. Curley of Boston, regarded as a likely member of the new federal administration, called here tonight upon President-elect Roosevelt.

The mayor declined to comment before his meeting with Mr. Roosevelt. He went immediately to the Roosevelt home upon leaving the train at Poughkeepsie. He has been mentioned as a minister to the Irish Free State.



churches in Boston:

"The city of Chicago, through its executive department, has issued a request that prayer be offered in all churches upon Sunday, Feb 26, for the speedy restoration to health of Mayor Anton J. Cermak, whose life is despaired of in consequence of the bullet of a would-be assassin. I am sincerely desirous that the request as submitted be honored, as the leadership of this courageous and able executive is necessary to the welfare of the citizenship of Chicago."

# M'GUIRE OPENS FIGHT TO OUST DR. WILLIAMS

Will Force Him Out of the  
Long Island Hospital Before  
June, Commissioner Says

Dr. Harvey S. Williams, resident physician and surgeon at Long Island Hospital, and storm center about whom the row in that institution has revolved, will not serve out his term, according to an announcement made late yesterday by James E. Maguire, institutions commissioner.

This latest development in the rumpus that has dislocated the functioning of the city institution for several months was learned when the Boston Sunday Advertiser called on the commissioner to explain what steps would follow the removal of Supt. Henry A. Higgins, which was announced Friday.

Commissioner Maguire at once admitted that he has "taken the first steps to remove Dr. Williams."

## "NOT ASKED TO QUIT"

Over the telephone Dr. Williams declared that he knew "nothing about such a move," and that he had not been "asked to resign."

His term is due to expire June 1, 1933, but according to Commissioner Maguire he will "get out before that."

Said the commissioner:

"Dr. Williams will leave before June 1, that is certain. However, this has nothing to do with the difficulties we have been having there.

"We have chosen the successor to Dr. Williams. He is Dr. James Robert Hamilton, who has been serving as assistant resident physician and surgeon. He is to take over the higher post as soon as Dr. Williams leaves, which will be soon. Dr. Hamilton, who is a graduate of John Hopkins Medical school, was selected by the majority of the visiting staff, among whom are some of the most prominent doctors in the city."

## MORE CHANGES DUE

Commissioner Maguire also announced that there would be further changes in the organization of the hospital, but added that "personalities do not enter into this at all."

In answer to inquiries regarding the tangle at the hospital, which started last fall following an operation for sterilization performed

by Dr. Williams, Mayor Curley said late yesterday:

"This whole affair is a matter you will have to discuss with Commissioner Maguire. He is running the institutions, and had been doing an excellent piece of work. Mr. Maguire came to me and told me of the trouble. He said that Supt. Higgins had not been performing his duties satisfactorily, and that he, the commissioner, wished to remove him.

"I told the commissioner, 'Go ahead and remove him then.'"

This statement by the mayor was evidently in the nature of a reply to the assertion made the day before by Maguire, that the mayor had removed Supt. Higgins.

Higgins has declared his determination to fight removal.

# CURLEY SILENT ON JOB RUMORS

Back at Desk Again After  
New York Visit

Back at his City Hall desk following a trip to New York, where he visited President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, following the funeral of Patrick McGovern, late Boston subway builder, Mayor Curley yesterday maintained strict silence regarding rumors of federal appointments.

"Did you receive the offer of an appointment from Mr. Roosevelt?" the Mayor was asked.

"I never saw the President-elect looking better in his life," was the Mayor's smiling answer.

# HUB FIREMEN DANCE TONIGHT

New 150-Piece Band to  
Give Hour Concert

The firemen's band of 150 pieces will be heard in an hour's concert tonight at the 54th annual ball of the Boston Firemen's Relief Association at the Garden. Mayor Curley and his daughter Mary will lead the grand march. Governor Ely, Fire Commissioner Edward F. McLaughlin and many other dignitaries will attend.

# 2000 FROM BAY STATE WILL GO TO INAUGURAL

Ely's Party Off by Train on  
Thursday; Some Others by  
Boat; Notables to Attend

By BERNARD J. DOHERTY

By special train, boat and automobile, more than 2000 Massachusetts Democrats, men and women, will journey to Washington within a few days to attend the inauguration next Saturday of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The bulk of the excursionists, as well as Governor Ely's family group and the official committee appointed by him to represent the state at the inaugural, will leave late Thursday afternoon from the South Station.

The first train will leave at 6 p. m. This delegation, headed by Mrs. Joseph J. Leonard of Jamaica Plain, will go by way of the Fall River Line to New York. At 8 p. m., on two special cars attached to the Federal Express, the official party will leave.

In this latter group will be Governor and Mrs. Ely, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ely, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ely, Chairman Joseph A. Maynard of the Democratic state committee and Mrs. Maynard, Mayor Curley and Miss Mary Curley, former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lambert, National Committeewoman Mary Ward, Vice-Chairman Mary Lucey of the state committee, Leo M. Goulston, Vincent Brogna, De Witt C. DeWolf, Registrar of Motor Vehicles Morgan T. Ryan and Larue Brown.

The Governor's staff, headed by Adjt.-Gen. John H. Agnew, will also be of the governor's party.

At Washington the Massachusetts headquarters will be established at the Mayflower Hotel.

Accompanied by the Metropolitan Firemen's Post, American Legion Band, between 400 and 500 persons will also leave Thursday, but at 5 p. m., aboard the S.S. Acadia. They will make a short stop in Philadelphia for luncheon and will reach Washington at 7 p. m. Friday.

James E. Sullivan, managing director of the Metropolitan Firemen's Band, is chairman



# Smith Faction May Be Left Out in Cold

## Former Roosevelt Foes Regard Lists of Appointments with Concern

By Oliver McKee, Jr.

Special to the Transcript:

Washington, Feb. 25—Do those in charge of the much heralded Democratic "new deal" intend to leave out in the cold their fellow Democrats who rallied beneath the banner of Alfred E. Smith in 1932? Now that most of the blue ribbon appointments under the next Administration have been announced from the Roosevelt headquarters, many Democrats hereabouts identified with the Smith wing are asking this question, a question which bears directly on the political situation in States like Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Illinois and Connecticut. The fact that the Smith leaders do not figure in any substantial way in the list of appointments so far given out and that apparently they have not been consulted, has been widely commented on here. Yet the Smith group, to judge from talks with their representatives here, is not willing as yet to reach any final conclusions on the basis merely of the appointments made up to date. As one well known Democrat pointed out to the Transcript, "The evidence is not yet all in. I do not feel ready on the basis of the evidence on hand to conclude that the new Administration intends to refuse recognition to Democrats who supported Alfred E. Smith for the nomination, and I do not want at this time to jump to conclusions."

There is a feeling that his Cabinet choices after all are a personal matter with Roosevelt, and that he should not be criticized for choosing men that he believes will work with him most effectively. What does concern the Smith group, however, and rather directly, is the possibility that the new administration will recognize the Roosevelt leaders in each State with respect to the vitally important question of patronage. Take the case of Connecticut. Here Homer Cummings, a leader of the Roosevelt campaign, is talked of as Governor General of the Philippines. The Smith Democrats on the other hand are really the controlling group in the democracy of the Nutmeg State, and it is well known here that their leaders are hostile to the Cummings appointment. In the case of Massachusetts the Democrats in House and Senate are still in the dark about their place in the patronage picture. They concede that Mayor James M. Curley is in a strategic position to ask favors. Yet, after all, it was the Smith Democrats who were mainly responsible for placing the Bay State in the Democratic column. Out in Illinois, another stronghold of Smith sentiment, many Democrats are reported up in arms over the designation of Harold L. Ickes, formerly a progressive Republican, as Secretary of the Interior. In New York, Tammany appears to figure little if at all in the "new deal."

### Should Look to Future

Looking to the future, most political observers will agree that the Democrats have fought loyally for Alfred E. Smith

to hold a commanding place in many of the pivotal Eastern States, and in some other States, like Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, that have large electoral votes. Presumably Mr. Roosevelt will be re-nominated in 1936, and, according to all the precedents of politics, the Republican party in the meantime will gain sufficiently in strength to make it a most formidable opponent. In 1936, the Democrats will have need of all the support they can get, particularly in such States as New Jersey, Illinois, Massachusetts and New York, and on the score of political expediency alone, many argue, it would be wise for the Roosevelt managers to enter into a working arrangement with the Smith forces.

The designation of Daniel C. Roper as Secretary of Commerce is the appointment most criticized by Smith Democrats. Roper opposed Smith for the 1928 nomination, and after the nomination did little for him. Smith's friends even go so far as to say he was a "Hoovercrat." The Smith Democrats, though reserved in their comments, are doing a lot of quiet thinking. At stake are the political futures of many of them. If further developments convince them that they have been deliberately left out "in the cold," we may expect a blowup one of these days. For as one Democrat said today, "Self-preservation is the first law of nature."

## McGOVERN FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED

### Boston Delegation Headed by Mayor Curley

Special Dispatch to the Globe

GREAT NECK, L. I., Feb. 24—A large Boston group, including Mayor James M. Curley, were among the hundreds who this morning paid their last respects to Patrick McGovern, former Bostonian and builder of subways and other underground public works in Boston, Philadelphia and New York, who died here suddenly on Wednesday.

Rev John J. Dunn, auxiliary bishop of New York, and four other members of the Roman Catholic clergy participated in the funeral services conducted at St. Aloysius' Roman Catholic Church. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Queens.

Rev John M. Murphy, rector of St. Bernard's Church, White Plains, celebrated the solemn high mass of requiem. Rev Timothy J. Shannon, rector of the church of St. Benedict the Moor, New York, was deacon, and the sub-deacon was Rev Edward J. Donovan, pastor of St. Aloysius' Church, New York. Msgr John P. Chidwick, rector of St. Agnes' Church, New York, also participated. Fifty Roman Catholic clergymen were among the mourners, who ranged from New York political and business men of prominence to the lowly who had been aided by Mr. McGovern's many benefactions.

Among the Boston friends in attendance were Traffic Commissioner Joseph Conry, Daniel G. and Austin J. O'Connell, George Regan, Charles J. McCarthy, William and John Coleman, Harry J. Fagan, Mr and Mrs Frank Stuart, Mr and Mrs John Corcoran, Joseph A. Dennison, Thomas J. Felvey, James E. McLaughlin, John M. Tobin, John Judd, one of the oldest McGovern employees; Ranson and Joseph Rowe, John F. Cronan and Mary and Eileen McGovern, nieces of Mr McGovern.

# TREASURY JOB TALKED FOR MAYOR

## Would Have Charge of Construction, Says Report

It appeared virtually certain last night that Mayor Curley would be appointed to an important federal post by President-elect Roosevelt.

From the President-elect's estate at Hyde Park, N. Y., came despatches that Boston's Chief Executive would probably be named assistant-secretary of the treasury in charge of public construction.

Leaders close to the President-elect stated that the Mayor had been offered and had declined the positions of minister to Ireland and Governor-General of Porto Rico.

But those close to the Mayor contended that neither of these positions had been offered to him. The Mayor's closest friends explained that Mr. Roosevelt was well acquainted with the Mayor's desire to be stationed not far from his children who are still in school and that there was little possibility of moving his family out of the country at this time.

Members of the Mayor's household were in a joyous mood late last night as they waited for his return home. Before starting out over the road by motor from New York, the Mayor telephoned home to let his family know that he was on the way.

That he had received good news from President-elect Roosevelt was quite evident. He informed the family that he had just had a very pleasant interview with the President-elect at the latter's estate at Hyde Park, N. Y.

Early reports that the Mayor would be named Assistant Secretary of the Navy were brushed to the background later, when Democratic leaders at Hyde Park asserted that this position would go to Vincent Astor, upon whose yacht the President-elect recently made a sea trip.

## CURLEY ASKS PRAYERS FOR MAYOR CERMAK

Prayers are asked for Mayor Anton Cermak, in the following communication, sent out today by Mayor James M. Curley, to officials in charge of churches in Boston:

"The city of Chicago, through its executive department, has issued a request that prayer be offered in all churches upon Sunday, Feb. 26, for the speedy restoration to health of Mayor Anton J. Cermak, whose life is despaired of in consequence of the bullet of a would-be assassin. I am sincerely desirous that the request as submitted be honored, as the leadership of this courageous and able executive is necessary to the welfare of the citizenship of Chicago."

# M'GUIRE OPENS FIGHT TO OUST DR. WILLIAMS

Will Force Him Out of the Long Island Hospital Before June, Commissioner Says

Dr. Harvey S. Williams, resident physician and surgeon at Long Island Hospital, and storm center about whom the row in that institution has revolved, will not serve out his term, according to an announcement made late yesterday by James E. Maguire, institutions commissioner.

This latest development in the rumpus that has dislocated the functioning of the city institution for several months was learned when the Boston Sunday Advertiser called on the commissioner to explain what steps would follow the removal of Supt. Henry A. Higgins, which was announced Friday.

Commissioner Maguire at once admitted that he has "taken the first steps to remove Dr. Williams."

## "NOT ASKED TO QUIT"

Over the telephone Dr. Williams declared that he knew "nothing about such a move," and that he had not been "asked to resign."

His term is due to expire June 1, 1933, but according to Commissioner Maguire he will "get out before that."

Said the commissioner:

"Dr. Williams will leave before June 1, that is certain. However, this has nothing to do with the difficulties we have been having there.

"We have chosen the successor to Dr. Williams. He is Dr. James Robert Hamilton, who has been serving as assistant resident physician and surgeon. He is to take over the higher post as soon as Dr. Williams leaves, which will be soon. Dr. Hamilton, who is a graduate of John Hopkins Medical school, was selected by the majority of the visiting staff, among whom are some of the most prominent doctors in the city."

## MORE CHANGES DUE

Commissioner Maguire also announced that there would be further changes in the organization of the hospital, but added that "personalities do not enter into this at all."

In answer to inquiries regarding the tangle at the hospital, which started last fall following an operation for sterilization performed

by Dr. Williams, Mayor Curley said late yesterday:

"This whole affair is a matter you will have to discuss with Commissioner Maguire. He is running the institutions, and had been doing an excellent piece of work. Mr. Maguire came to me and told me of the trouble. He said that Supt. Higgins had not been performing his duties satisfactorily, and that he, the commissioner, wished to remove him.

"I told the commissioner, 'Go ahead and remove him then.'"

This statement by the mayor was evidently in the nature of a reply to the assertion made the day before by Maguire, that the mayor had removed Supt. Higgins.

Higgins has declared his determination to fight removal.

# CURLEY SILENT ON JOB RUMORS

Back at Desk Again After New York Visit

Back at his City Hall desk following a trip to New York, where he visited President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, following the funeral of Patrick McGovern, late Boston subway builder, Mayor Curley yesterday maintained strict silence regarding rumors of federal appointments.

"Did you receive the offer of an appointment from Mr. Roosevelt?" the Mayor was asked.

"I never saw the President-elect looking better in his life," was the Mayor's smiling answer.

# HUB FIREMEN DANCE TONIGHT

New 150-Piece Band to Give Hour Concert

The firemen's band of 150 pieces will be heard in an hour's concert tonight at the 54th annual ball of the Boston Firemen's Relief Association at the Garden. Mayor Curley and his daughter Mary will lead the grand march. Governor Ely, Fire Commissioner Edward F. McLaughlin and many other dignitaries will attend.

# 2000 FROM BAY STATE WILL GO TO INAUGURAL

Ely's Party Off by Train on Thursday; Some Others by Boat; Notables to Attend

By BERNARD J. DOHERTY

By special train, boat and automobile, more than 2000 Massachusetts Democrats, men and women, will journey to Washington within a few days to attend the inauguration next Saturday of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The bulk of the excursionists, as well as Governor Ely's family group and the official committee appointed by him to represent the state at the inaugural, will leave late Thursday afternoon from the South Station.

The first train will leave at 6 p. m. This delegation, headed by Mrs. Joseph J. Leonard of Jamaica Plain, will go by way of the Fall River Line to New York. At 8 p. m., on two special cars attached to the Federal Express, the official party will leave.

In this latter group will be Governor and Mrs. Ely, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ely, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ely, Chairman Joseph A. Maynard of the Democratic state committee and Mrs. Maynard, Mayor Curley and Miss Mary Curley, former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lambert, National Committeewoman Mary Ward, Vice-Chairman Mary Lucey of the state committee, Leo M. Goulston, Vincent Brogna, De Witt C. DeWolf, Registrar of Motor Vehicles Morgan T. Ryan and Larue Brown.

The Governor's staff, headed by Adjt.-Gen. John H. Agnew, will also be of the governor's party.

At Washington the Massachusetts headquarters will be established at the Mayflower Hotel.

Accompanied by the Metropolitan Firemen's Post, American Legion Band, between 400 and 500 persons will also leave Thursday, but at 5 p. m., aboard the S.S. Acadia. They will make a short stop in Philadelphia for luncheon and will reach Washington at 7 p. m. Friday.

James E. Sullivan, managing director of the Metropolitan Firemen's Band, is chairman



# GEORGE CURLEY JUST LIKE HIS ORATOR FATHER

Lad Shows Amazing Re-  
semblance to Mayor in De-  
livering Lincoln Day Speech

Will Mayor Curley leave behind him when he retires from the arena of local politics a son who will equal or outstrip his accomplishments?

Those who heard his second son, George, deliver a tribute to Lincoln at the city exercises in memory of Washington and Lincoln at Faneuil Hall marveled at the close physical resemblance of the 13-year-old Boston Latin school freshman to his 59-year-old father.

Word for word, gesture for gesture the youth repeated a speech written by his father in the same manner as it was originally given at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington in 1923. When he finished there arose in every mind the flattering judgment:

"He is his father's son."

## RESEMBLANCE MARKED

To a Boston Sunday Advertiser reporter, who interviewed George, the resemblance between father and son was so marked as to be astonishing.

Found in the library of the Curley home on Jamaicaaway, George greeted his interviewer with the same warmth and affability which is characteristic of his father. He said:

"You find me among books. Like dad, I'm a great reader. I read everything. History, poetry, modern literature and the classics."

George is tall for his age, and his serious mien makes him appear a young man instead of the boy of 13 that he is. His hair is black, his eyes dark and penetrating. His skin is clear and his features finely cut.

"Are you interested in politics?" he was asked.

"Yes. But only in theory . . . for the present," he answered.

## A CURLEY REPLY

A characteristic Curley answer. No committal of his intentions until the right time comes.

"Do you think you will become as great an orator as your father?"

"I would consider that a great accomplishment."

"What are your hobbies?"

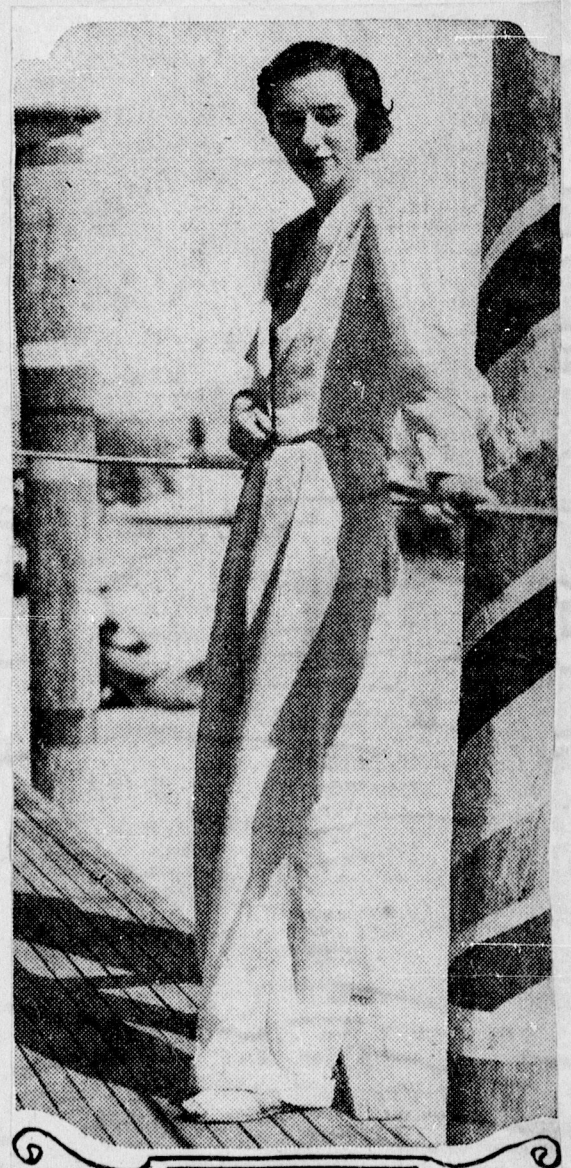
"Almost any form of sport. But I like horseback riding very much."

"Would you like to follow in your father's footsteps?"

"It would be an honorable life devoted to public service. I don't know that I possess the talents for public life my father does."

The bearing, the speech, the gestures, the cautious yet fearless expression in the eyes would make one think that here was not George Curley, the son, but James Curley, the father, by some mysterious alchemy made young again.

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Miss Mary Curley, daughter of Mayor Curley, as a camera man discovered her at Miami Beach, Fla. (Acme)

# Fate of Seven Pending Bills to Save \$200,000 May Settle Issue of More Power for Ely

By W. E. MULLINS

The necessity of equipping Gov. Ely with dictatorial powers in the current drive to force reductions in the cost of operating the state government will be determined this week by the fate of seven pending bills which provide for the abolition of as many state divisions which impose an expense of nearly \$200,000 annually on the taxpayers.

These bills have been ordered to their third readings in the House of Representatives and they represent the first definite endeavor that has been made to produce tangible economies since the legislators reluctantly halted their expansions of governmental functions following the flush days of the bull market era of prosperity.

The mere fact that these bills have been advanced to third readings in the House is no assurance that the abolition of the divisions is certain to follow. In fact, some of the sponsors of these measures of economy are apprehensive lest they encounter defeat tomorrow when they come up for further advancement. Even if they pass the House they still must run the gauntlet of the Senate.

These various measures call for the abolition of the divisions of smoke inspection, metropolitan planning, state parks, necessities of life, ornithology and psychiatric examination of prisoners and the industrial and development commission. Each of these retrenchments was bitterly opposed at the committee hearings conducted earlier this month on the bills providing for the elimination of the divisions affected.

The only test vote available is that which was forced to a roll-call on the bill to abolish the division on the necessities of life. This was carried by a vote of 116 to 101, but there were 23 members not voting. Opponents of these economies hope to halt the progress of the bill at tomorrow's House session by changing a few of the affirmative votes and rushing in some of the absentees to their assistance.

## HOW PARTIES STAND

In the matter of party lines the Republicans largely favor the proposed retrenchments while the Democrats, in the face of Gov. Ely's inaugural message requests for some of these economies, oppose passage. Out of the 116 votes only 11 were cast by Democrats and of these seven, six from districts west of Worcester. Out of the 101 negative votes, 29 were cast by Republicans.

The fate of these seven bills this week probably will determine the outcome of the fight soon to be waged for reduc-

tions in salaries for legislators and for other public employees. If these bills finally are defeated, the chances of producing additional economies through payroll reductions will fade.

With the junking of these various suggestions for producing economies the budget as presented by Gov. Ely will become a useless instrument as far as providing any relief from the mounting burdens of taxation. Defeat for them will mean that a sharp increase in this year's state tax cannot be avoided because the only way to reduce taxes is to reduce expenditures.

As a last resort, if the bills fail to pass, an attempt is certain to be made to pass drastic legislation giving Gov. Ely unprecedented authority to force economies; but if the legislators are unwilling to vote directly for these abolitions, it is only reasonable to anticipate that they will resist any proposal to give the Governor such blanket power.

## SOMETHING TO LEARN

Even veteran legislators sitting in the current session face the opportunity to acquire considerable education in new legislative procedures that are slated to come before the members before they adjourn. Hardly a member of either branch has had any experience on legislation calling for the unseating of a legislator. A measure providing for such a situation will be debated in the House Tuesday, when the House elections committee's resolve calling for the unseating of Representative Louis N. M. DesChenes of Fitchburg, and the seating in his place of John J. Gilmartin of Fitchburg, will be first on the orders of the day.

Then there is the bill to be drafted from the Governor's special message providing for the calling of a convention for action on the constitutional amendment to repeal prohibition. Another unusual measure is the one asking the Governor to remove Judge Stone from the bench. The committee on the judiciary has been baffled by the exact procedure which should be followed in handling this delicate proposal, whose sole sponsor seems to be Representative William C. Dolan of Boston.

The bill calling for an investigation of Mayor Curley's administration at City Hall is nestling in the archives of the rules committee awaiting action on the bill to revise the operation of the Boston finance commission.

With respect to the investigation measure, Gov. Ely recently was asked what his reaction would be to the passage of an act calling an investigation

to be made by a commission composed of five citizens of Boston, all to be appointed by the Governor. Mr. Ely said that the passage of such an act would not embarrass him, but added that he would regard it as a precedent for the appointment of such commissions during his tenure and that all other commissions would have to be subject to executive appointment.

## STATE POLICE SITUATION

Much of the Governor's time last week was devoted to a study of the state police situation as it developed from the disclosure of irregular practices in the public safety department. He has insisted on following a quasi-judicial procedure in the capacity of an observer until he is convinced the proper time to act has arrived.

Dismissing the merits of the controversial situation, the Governor is determined to remove Lt.-Gen. Alfred F. Foote from his position as public safety commissioner. There is hardly any doubt about his determination along that line. His decision to exercise patience is combined with a determination to make no move seeking Lt.-Gen. Foote's dismissal until he is in a position to shoot into the executive council the nomination of a suitable successor.

Commissioner Foote had no intention last week of quitting the state service without making a hard fight to clear his reputation. In the past he has asked for the appointment of a deputy commissioner on the ground that the supervision of the many divisions in his department provide too much work for a single commissioner.

He has consulted with counsel, enlisted some support in the executive council and will carry any ouster proceedings against him into a public hearing before that body. When he was re-appointed in 1930 by former Gov. Allen he was compelled to defend his administrative acts at a public hearing before the council and before that his department was subjected to an investigation as a result of charges of irregularity in the disposal of liquor seized in raids.

In the past he always succeeded in overpowering his opponents, but never before has he faced so stern a situation. The Governor hopes to have the state police situation straightened out before he leaves for the presidential inaugural Thursday night. The exodus of Democrats for Washington will begin tomorrow, but the official party will wait until Thursday night, when the Governor's party and Mayor Curley's party will leave in two special cars attached to the Federal express.



# A Spark of the Old Fire



NO MORE FIGURE of speech is it to say that George Curley is "a chip off the old block." Those who heard him deliver Lincoln Day address for his father, the Mayor, remarked his similarity in poise, appearance, manner to the elder man. Now came shots from two movie strips—one of Mayor Curley, the other of George—that prove it even more conclusively. (Boston Advertiser Photos)



# POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

By JOHN D. MERRILL

The efforts of the friends of Edward C. R. Bagley, State Deputy Commissioner of Correction, to persuade Commissioner Francis B. Sayre to keep Mr Bagley in his position have been unsuccessful so far as Mr Sayre is concerned; the latter told a delegation of members of the Legislature who waited on him that it was his right to select his deputies, that he proposed to exercise it and that he still thought it wise to substitute another man for Mr Bagley. Joseph B. Ely had previously told almost the same group of Legislators that he did not intend to interfere in the matter and that the problem was one for Mr Sayre to solve.

Thus the matter might seem to be ended, but it is said that, in order to save Mr Bagley, the suggestion has been made that he be permitted to retain his post and an additional deputy, having the legal experience and other qualifications which Mr Sayre wants in his first deputy, be appointed in the department. Mr Sayre's reaction to this proposal has not been disclosed.

## Pressure Put on Council

At any rate, Mr Bagley still has another recourse, namely, the Governor's Council, which must approve his removal in order to have it become effective. Great pressure has been brought to bear on the members of the Council, and, although the attitude of its members is not known, no one would be greatly surprised if they refused to accede to Mr Bagley's retirement. On the other hand, the Council may decide to sustain the Governor and the Commissioner of Correction.

By this time Mr Sayre has probably begun to get a glimpse of the surroundings in which he placed himself when he accepted the Commissioner'ship and abandoned a large part of his work in Harvard Law School, where he is a professor and has recently made a specialty of criminal law. He is also director of the Harvard Institute of Criminal Law, which devotes itself to the study of and instruction in criminology and the law relating thereto.

Thus Mr Sayre may be regarded as an expert in the field in which he is now employed by the State. It goes without saying that he is a man of the highest character and ideals and that nothing but a sense of public duty would have led him to give up his work in Cambridge and accept a place in the State administration. One may well doubt, however, whether Mr Sayre realized what he was stepping into when he went to the State House.

## Boston Finance Commission

It has been known for some time that entire harmony does not prevail in the Boston Finance Commission, the members of which are appointed by the Governor of the State to keep a watchful eye on the affairs of this city. The commission has no authority to punish or discharge, but can give publicity to its investigations and studies. In spite of prejudices which

exist or are easily roused against it, the commission has probably been a helpful influence, although it doubtless makes some mistakes.

The common understanding is that some of the newer members of the commission think that Frank A. Goodwin, the chairman of the body, is friendly to Mayor James M. Curley and, because of that friendship, has inclined to pass rather lightly over matters to which other members are disposed to pay attention. The Mayor and Mr Goodwin have had friendly relations for a good many years, but it

does not follow from that fact that Mr Goodwin has improperly tried to shield the administration in City Hall from criticism and investigation. The truth on that point should be easily discovered.

## Appointed by Gov Allen

Gov Frank G. Allen appointed Mr Goodwin chairman of the commission in place of John C. L. Dowling, whose term had expired. Mr Dowling had attacked the conduct of certain financial interests in their relations with the city and the common impression was that their influence was in some measure, rightly or wrongly, responsible for the failure of Mr Dowling to be appointed for another term. It was said at the time that the only request Ex-Gov Alvan T. Fuller had made of his immediate successor in office was Mr Dowling's reappointment, but Gov Allen decided that the public interest would be better served by nominating for the place a man who had not roused such enemies as Mr Dowling's attitude had stirred up.

It was the late John N. Cole, once Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives who, in 1920 or thereabouts, when he was State Commissioner of Public Works, appointed Mr Goodwin registrar of motor vehicles. In his conduct of that office Mr Goodwin made a reputation which has continued to this time. His persistent indiscretions in publicly attacking his superiors made it necessary for Gov Fuller to remove him—at least Gov Fuller thought it necessary to do so—but Mr Goodwin was a very effective registrar.

## Federal Appointments

After President-Elect Roosevelt has been inaugurated, Massachusetts Democrats will begin to learn about the Federal appointments in this State. The only one which seems certain is that Joseph A. Maynard, chairman of the Democratic State committee, will be the next collector of the port. It is said that Leo H. Leary, a well-known lawyer and Democrat, may be appointed collector of internal revenue, to succeed Thomas W. White, who has stated that his office will be at the disposal of the new President as soon as he cares to fill it. At the moment Charles H. McGlue, a former chairman of the Democratic State committee, seems to be the most prominent among the many who are candidates for United States district attorney, but there is no assurance that the office will be given to Mr McGlue.

If the announcements from Washington can be believed, Mayor Curley can no longer hope to have a place in the Cabinet; perhaps he has always known that that particular distinction would

not be his, but some of his friends have insisted that he would be appointed Secretary of the Navy. The most commonly accepted report from the first has been that Mr Curley would be selected as assistant to one of the members of the Cabinet, possibly as assistant Secretary of the Treasury. If such a position is acceptable to the Mayor no one else need complain.

Another story is that the Mayor has been doing what he could to bring about the appointment of City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan as collector of internal revenue. If Mr Curley becomes assistant Secretary of the Treasury his desires may carry weight in the choice of a successor to Mr White.

## STATE REPEAL CONVENTION WILL COST BOSTON \$30,610

It will cost the city of Boston \$30,610 for its share of a State convention election for repeal of the 18th Amendment. The expense, among other items, will be \$4344 for 362 warders at \$12 apiece; the same amount for clerks, and \$14,480 for 1488 inspectors at \$10 apiece. No provision was made for the expenditure in the 1933 budget.

## AMERICAN CURLEY WON'T TELL ABOUT JOB

If Mayor James M. Curley is going to receive an important appointment in the Roosevelt administration the news will have to come from the President-elect and not from the mayor.

The mayor made this pretty plain yesterday afternoon, when newspapermen questioned him regarding the rumors that have been buzzing loudly in political circles, and wanted to get some definite information regarding his private talk with the next President at the latter's home in Hyde Park, N. Y., on Friday.



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## NEAR RIOT OVER TAX MEETING

Gathering Led by City  
Councillor Kelly  
in Uproar

The meeting last night in Intercolonial Hall, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Real Estate Owners' Association, of which Mrs. Hannah M. Connors is secretary, came to an abrupt ending when the capacity gathering suddenly became riotous in connection with a speech from the floor.

### FISTS FLY

In an instant fists began flying, women became hysterical, heated individual arguments began taking place here and there throughout the hall and it was only as steps were being taken by Mrs. Connors to call in the police that the trouble gradually came to an end.

The trouble began shortly after City Councillor Francis E. Kelly of Dorchester and Mrs. Connors had spoken in bitter opposition to the present municipal administration.

A man who said he was George E. Capelle of 140 Blue Hill avenue, suddenly arose from the floor. He inquired if the association was responsible for mention on a circular it sent out in connection with last night's meeting wherein mention was made that "We are paying the highest tax rate of any city in the country."

Mrs. Connors replied in the affirmative. Capelle then proceeded to read what he described as the September bulletin of the Boston Real Estate Exchange wherein, he pointed out, there are 27 cities in Massachusetts paying a higher tax rate than Boston.

Hardly had Capelle begun when he was the object of heckling. Remarks he was a "friend of Curley," "Sit down" and "How much are you getting for this" were being shouted out. Despite the heckling, Capelle kept on reading. This only tended to arouse the excitement.

Suddenly the meeting broke up, many persons, fearful of serious trouble, leaving the hall immediately, and others, obviously more anxious to get into the argument, remaining behind. Sharp exchanges of words in the several heated arguments, participated in by men and women alike, quickly followed as threats began to be made, fists fly and women became hysterical.

Capelle said that he had planned to speak immediately after Councillor Kelly had talked, but Mrs. Connors took the platform, and while she was talking the councillor left the hall, unaware of what was to come.

Although attempts were made to call the meeting to order again, they failed.

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## FORD HALL FORUM'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Curley, Rabbi Wise,  
Edwin D. Mead Speak

Mayor Curley, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York and Edwin D. Mead, founder of the 20th Century Club, united last evening in Ford Hall Forum in praising that institution, at the 25th anniversary celebration of its founding. The hall was filled to capacity.

Rabbi Wise expressed fear that the World War of 1914-18 was only a prelude to another one to come in the near future.

Mayor Curley declared himself glad to testify his admiration for the splendid public-spirited work accomplished by Ford Hall Forum under leadership of George W. Coleman. He declared Rabbi Wise "the ablest orator in the world."

Edwin D. Mead appeared as one who had spoken in the Forum the night it opened, Feb. 23, 1908. He told of his association with Mr. Coleman in the 20th Century Club and how it led to the two of them cooperating in starting the Forum "at a time when free speech was not as permissible as now."

Referring to a frequent complaint of empty churches, Mr. Mead was gratified to be able to say that there has never been complaint of an empty Ford Hall Forum.

He praised Mr. Coleman for "showing courage, common sense and impartiality toward representatives of all sorts of beliefs" during his directorship of the Forum.

Butler R. Wilson, Negro, a member of the Forum Council, told of the friendly relationship that has for 25 years existed between members of the Forum, regardless of color.

Reevan I. Levine, a boy in his teens, unveiled a life-sized, two-thirds length oil portrait of Mr. Coleman, a gift from the Ford Hall Folks to the Forum, and made a little presentation address.

The artist, George Rosenberg, a member of the Ford Hall Folks, was called to advance and bow his acknowledgments.

Rabbi Wise declared no single institution had stood more bravely for American ideals than Mr. Coleman's Ford Hall Forum; yet, he added, "voices are heard now to the effect that the substance and form of liberalism must be rejected."

"If they must vanish," he claimed, "there are only two ways out. One is the way of the Ku Klux Klan, National Security League, D. A. R., and women's organization which demanded the exclusion of Prof. Einstein."

The other way out would be radicalism, he said.

"Radicalism's method is force and destruction, while liberalism's method is persuasion and reconstruction," he said.

Mrs. Connors came down to Capelle, who was at the rear of the hall, and tried to talk with him, but in the excitement was unable to make any headway.

## CRY "TRAITOR" AT TAX SESSION

Roxbury Hecklers Try to  
Rout Speaker

Realty Men and Tenants Near  
Blows in Stormy Meeting

A stormy meeting of the Massachusetts Real Estate Owners' Association held last evening in the Intercolonial Building, Roxbury, was marked by heckling and ended in a lively argument between the owners of property and tenants and alleged adherents of Mayor Curley.

The trouble started at the conclusion of the meeting when a man in the rear of the hall arose to deny the published statement contained in the flyer issued by the association to the effect that the tax rate in Boston of \$35.40 per \$1000 was the highest in the country.

He read from a typewritten statement a list of more than 20 cities in the Commonwealth where a higher tax rate prevailed.

The audience listened for a moment and then many started to stamp their feet, swing chairs on the floor, and finally there were cries of "Sit down, you traitor!"

### Mrs Connors Speaks

From the rostrum Mrs. Hannah Connors, one of the leaders in the fight for an investigation of the city of Boston finances, declared that figures do not always tell the truth and that the present tax rate was really the equivalent of \$70.

At that moment a man, who said he was the father of four children, proceeded to berate the "bloated landlords, who made plenty of money in the old days and who are now crying poverty because they are just beginning to feel the pinch."

The landlords retorted that the disturbers were sent out by City Hall officials.

One irate landlord engaged the father of four in an argument, and gave him a healthy shove towards the exit.

The father, however, continued his tirade against all property owners.

Fully 100 excited men and women tried to answer the man all at once and bedlam prevailed. Once again it appeared that the father of four would be attacked, but cooler heads quieted the truculent ones.

### Kelly Takes Floor

Councillor Francis E. Kelly of Dorchester, taking an active part in the plea for an investigation of the city finances, charged that "jockeys of the Mayor" were present and were bent on breaking up the meeting. He defied them to interrupt him.

It was after Kelly left the hall at the conclusion of his address that the arguments started.

Kelly spoke in favor of the bill to abolish the Boston Finance Commission of which Frank A. Goodwin is chairman.

# McCORMACK MAY BE MADE FLOOR LEADER

Two Other Bostonians, Mayor Curley and Kennedy,  
Possible Appointees to "Little Cabinet"

WASHINGTON, Feb 27 (A. P.)—The political cards are being shuffled this week in anticipation of the House Democratic caucus on Thursday, with a possibility that New England may be dealt the majority floor leadership.

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## Vermont's Triumph

Representative Ernest W. Gibson of Vermont can give a good account of himself in a political scrap, and members of Congress have been laughing at his latest triumph over the mighty Berty Snell of New York, Republican leader in the House.

Some time ago Gibson issued a statement criticizing, among other things, the Republican leadership of the House. A short time later Congressional eyebrows were arched when no Vermont member was placed on the joint committee for the memorial service to Calvin Coolidge.

Still later the question of moving the United States Immigration Station at Montreal into the United States arose and Snell set out to have it transferred into his district in Northern New York. Gibson and others in the Vermont delegation went after it for Vermont.

## Gillette's Golf Score

Cloakroom chatter:

Ex-Speaker Gillette of Massachusetts, now over 80, has disgusted several Congressmen with their golf by writing that his best score in California this Winter has been a 91.

Representative George Holden Tinkham of Boston, famous for his whippers and his attacks on prohibition, wore a beard while a student at Harvard, 40 years ago.

Representative William J. Granfield of Massachusetts went to Notre Dame to play football, but played baseball and basket ball instead.

Representative Pehr Holmes of Worcester likes poker and has no use for bridge, yet was high scorer at a bridge party given recently by J. Weston Allen, former Attorney General of Massachusetts.

# "NOT AIMING BLOWS AT MAYOR CURLEY"

Opposition to Move to  
Change Cemetery Act

A. B. Casson, legislative agent of the City of Boston, argued today before the Legislative Committee on Municipal Finance that 27 to 30 cents could be clipped off the Boston tax rate for the next two years if the petition of Mayor Curley for a change in the maintenance of cemeteries were passed.

The Mayor seeks to amend the 1913 cemetery act under which cemetery receipts go into a fund which will eventually care for the maintenance of cemeteries, excepting graves provided for under perpetual care. Care of the cemeteries is met by taxation. Mayor Curley would transfer the money under the 1931 act and spend it for municipal purposes.

Mr Casson referred to the fact that a similar bill was defeated by last year's Legislature, but was confident that it would be an aid to the city in the present financial stringency if passed this year.

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Mr Casson assailed "organizations which howl at the taxrate and yet every time Mayor Curley comes before the Legislature to ask legislation to relieve the tax burden these very organizations do everything in their power to block the legislation."

Mr Cutter said that the organizations were working for what they thought best for the financial interest of the city and were "not aiming blows at Mayor Curley."

## MAYOR CURLEY GIVES CAPT STEDMAN KEY TO CITY

Capt Giles C. Stedman, staff captain of the Leviathan, called upon Mayor

Curley today at City Hall and was presented with a key of the city. Accompanying Capt Stedman were Chief Officer Harold Winslow, Chairman T. V. O'Connor of the Shipping Board, W. H. Dwight, passenger agent of the United States Lines, and Frank S. Davis, manager of the maritime division of the Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman O'Connor left City Hall wearing a broad smile and a blackthorn stick, the latter presented by the Mayor.





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## Favors Change in Care of Cemeteries

Abraham B. Casson, legislative counsel for the city of Boston, appeared before the legislative Committee on Municipal Finance today and declared that the Boston tax rate could be reduced by twenty-seven or thirty cents for the next two years if favorable action were taken on the petition of Mayor Curley for a change in the maintenance of cemeteries.

The cemetery receipts in Boston are now placed in a fund to be used for the maintenance of cemeteries, with the exception of those which are under perpetual care. The fund was created under an act passed in 1913 and it is the mayor's desire to now use the money for municipal purposes.

Mr. Casson told the committee that the fund amounts to \$1,343,000 and that it will be possibly thirty years before it can be built up to a point where the income can provide the money for all cemetery needs. He said that in 1932 the amount spent for the upkeep of municipal cemeteries totalled \$133,000, while the income from lots, graves and other fees paid into the fund amounted to \$58,853.

"This bill was defeated last year," he declared, "on the ground that it was bad finance. There is, I admit, an element of bad finance, but these are perilous times and with the financial stringency I think we should break the 1913 act to ease the condition of present day taxpayers."

R. Ammi Cutter, representing the Boston Research Bureau, opposed the measure and said that the breaking of the 1913 act would be similar to breaking a trust fund. There is a moral obligation, he said, to those persons whose money has already gone into the fund. "Things have not come to such a financial pass," he said, "that we must break a trust fund."

Replying to Mr. Cutter, Mr. Casson told the committee that opposition to the bill was based on a personal dislike for Mayor Curley. "There are," he said, "various organizations in Boston which howl at the tax rate, yet every time Mayor Curley comes before the Legislature

## MORE "OASES" IN BOSTON NOW

### So Says Mayor at Ford Hall Forum Jubilee

"There are more 'oases' in Boston at present than there were in former days, although they are not as prominently displayed as they used to be," said Mayor James M. Curley, speaking at the 25th anniversary programme at Ford Hall Forum, last night.

The Mayor made the remark about the number of "oases" while bringing the greetings of the city to the forum on its silver jubilee. It was in connection with a story of which he was reminded by the sign on the outer door as he entered: "Ford Hall Is Full Tonight."

The chief speaker of the evening was Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York. Mayor Curley characterized him as the "ablest orator in the world."

## ATTACKS ALIENS ON WELFARE LIST

### Councilor Burke Says They Get 40 Percent State's Welfare Department Denies Deportation Report

That 40 percent of those on the welfare list of Boston are aliens; that they are receiving the same amounts for aid, and the same treatment as citizens of Boston, was charged yesterday in the City Council by Councilor Thomas Burke who believes there should be a distinction in favor of citizens. He offered an order requesting that the Council be told the number of aliens on the public welfare list.

Mr. Burke startled the members of the Council by stating that he had been informed that State officials have instituted steps to learn the names of all aliens receiving aid from cities and towns with a view of possible deportation later by the immigration authorities.

"There is no truth in the report; the State Department of Public Welfare is taking no such steps," Commissioner Richard K. Conant declared last night. Mrs. Anna C. M. Tillinghast, district commissioner of immigration, said that she had heard of no such activity and that her office was not interested.

### Cox Attacks Order

The order seeking information was passed by the Council, but not before it was attacked by Councilor Joseph Cox of West Roxbury, who insisted that there should be no distinction between alien and citizen in fact, and he said that the law makes no distinction.

Orders sent to the Council by Mayor Curley, and tabled recently, calling for \$500,000 for construction of streets and \$1,000,000 for sewerage work met the same fate yesterday; but they will automatically go into effect on March 10 because the Council yesterday adjourned for a period beyond that date.

The Committee on Municipal Finance yesterday reported back to the Council that the orders ought not to pass. Councilor Kelly, in the absence of Chairman Dowd, reported back the view of the committee. Mr. Kelly said that this was not a proper time in which to spend \$1,500,000; that every city and town in the Commonwealth was economizing.

### Rourke Returns

Previously Public Works Commissioner Joseph A. Rourke appeared before the executive committee. He was just back from the sunny sands of Miami Beach, and certain Councilors who crossed swords with him quickly learned that he was just as fit as his tanned appearance indicated.

Mr. Rourke pointed out that contained in the order for \$500,000 for highway construction were the wages of engineers, certain Street Department employees and temporary employees of the Street Department, and

that in the sewer order were wages of engineers, certain employees and temporary employees of the Public Works Department.

Councilor Norton in announcing that he would vote against the orders said that for the remainder of the year he would only vote for city payrolls, hospitals and public welfare.

The highway loan was the first to come up. It needed 15 votes, but mustered only 13, Councilors Brackman, Kelly, Norton and Roberts defeating it. Councilor Ruby then substituted an order of \$250,000. He denied that the loan would mean any increase in the tax rate, and he said that employees would go without pay if the Council failed to pass a loan order.

### Orders Are Tabled

The order was again amended to \$100,000 by Councilor Roberts and failed of passage 13 to 3. Councilors Hein and Lynch though present did not vote. Councilor Hein then moved reconsideration which was opposed by Councilors Kelly, Norton and Roberts. Previously, Councilor Brackman had explained his original vote against the order was because it did not know that pay of employees was concerned. Councilor Donovan's motion that the order be tabled was then passed.

The \$1,000,000 order for sewers was then read and Councilor Lynch immediately moved that it be tabled. In view of the fact that the orders become effective March 10 and the Council does not reconvene until March 13, the orders, under the City Charter regulations, go into effect.

### Radio for Police

An order for \$75,000 for installation of police radio, but not for any other purpose, even for the studying of the advisability of installation, was passed. Its sponsor was Councilor Ruby. Councilor Norton argued against it; declared there would be no police radio and said that Commissioner Hultman was against radio alone and would not accept anything but an appropriation of \$300,000 for police communication. The Council rejected the order for \$300,000.

The order calling for \$1000 to pay for 19 permanent photos of dead veterans, to complete the galleries in the schools and public buildings was passed, but only after several Councilors announced they would vote for it merely in order that none of the hero dead would be left from the list.

Councilors Norton and Fish offered orders asking that the City Council be furnished copies of the Finance Commission report on its investigation of Long Island. Mr. Fish said—"It was not fair for the Mayor to discharge Supt Henry Higgins of Long Island."

Various objections to a two-weeks' adjournment, with an eye to the loan orders becoming effective, was made by Councilor Kelly, but the support of Councilors Burke, Cox, Curtis and Roberts was not enough, the adjournment passing by a vote of 10 to 6.



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# TABLE LOAN TO MAKE IT EFFECTIVE

Parliamentary Trick  
by Majority in the  
City Council

Lacking a single vote to put through \$1,500,000 in loan orders for the construction of streets and sewers, the majority in the City Council last night made the money available for expenditure over the protests of the minority by a parliamentary trick.

## NO ACTION NEEDED

The administration had 14 votes in favor of the orders when 15 votes, representing two-thirds of the Council, was required. So the majority voted to table the measures and adjourn for two weeks. Under the provisions of the city charter the loan orders will become effective without action by the Council before it holds its next meeting. The parliamentary movements, which were directed by Councillors William G. Lynch and George P. Donovan of South Boston, with Councillor James Hein of Brighton, provoked the bitter opposition of Councillor Francis E. Kelly, acting chairman of the committee on finance, which had voted the loans orders out of committee with the recommendation "ought not to pass without prejudice."

## Urges Another Meeting

Acknowledging that his minority lacked power to stop the appropriations because of the present city charter, he demanded that the Council should hold another meeting to defeat the loan orders before they could become effective. In his opposition he was joined by Councillors Clement A. Norton, George W. Roberts and David M. Brackman.

That 500 men on the city payroll would be forced to join the ranks of the unemployed if the money were not made available was the contention of Councillor Thomas M. Burke of Mattapan, who urged passage of the orders on their merits.

## Only 12 Votes Needed

When passage failed by a vote of 14 to 4, Councillor Hein moved reconsideration and Councillors Lynch and Donovan then moved the tabling of the two orders. While 15 votes were needed to pass the loan orders, only 12 votes, a majority, were necessary for reconsideration and tabling. As a result

both orders went to the table, and the charter provides that if the Council does not adopt or reject a loan order within 60 days, it becomes effective without Council approval. Of the \$1,500,000, the Public Works Department will spend \$1,000,000 for the construction of sewers, and the Board of Street Commissioners will order \$500,000 spent on the laying out and construction of new streets.

# SLAUGHTER TO FIGHT CONRAD

Mack Signs Pair for Big  
Charity Show, March 13

One of the 10-rounders on the big Mayor Curley unemployment show was signed yesterday by Promoter Eddie Mack. Sammy Slaughter and Norman Conrad were matched for a repeat of one of the best middleweight fights ever seen in this city. This is a fight full of thrills and one that the fans have been clamoring to see. The big carnival for the unemployment fund is scheduled for Monday evening, March 13, at the Boston Arena and it will be one of the biggest boxing shows ever offered in Boston. It will be presented by the Argonne A. A.

Four other 10-rounders with a four and a six-rounder will round out the card. Dutch Leonard is expected to be signed today to battle Leo Larivee, while the other tens will bring out the best of New England fistic talent. They will all box on a winner and loser basis for a definite purse.

Steve Halaiko, Eino Nyholm, Hookey Jackson, George Salvatore, Joe Delmont, Chocolate Bon-Bon, Tommy Rawson, Bud Mignault, Mickey Bishop, Steve Carr, Kid Cocoa, Harry Ebbetts, Jack Fox, Bob Moody, Walter Cobb, Dave Shade, Ben Jeby and many others are being offered the chance to box for the Mayor Curley fund.

# Rules City Records Not Public Property

Supreme Court Justice Denies  
Councilor Kelly's Petition  
for Writ

Judge Fred T. Field of the Supreme Court today ruled that the books and records of the Boston city treasurer are not public records and he therefore dismissed the petition of City Councilor Francis E. Kelly of Dorchester, for a writ of mandamus to compel City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan and Assistant City Treasurer Horton G. Ide to allow him to inspect the books. Kelly took exception to the finding to the full bench.

Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, who had previously agreed to furnish Kelly with some of the desired information, today told the court that he had received from Kelly requests for even individual items from the books since he agreed a week ago in open court to furnish information. Silverman said that one of the items asked by Kelly related to all deposits or withdrawals of \$25,000 or more during the past three years. This would require several months' work, Silverman said, and the examination of \$50,000 checks. Silverman's offer had been to provide the information in "reasonable amounts."

Silverman said Kelly asked also for information concerning deposits and withdrawals in all banks of the State, all deposits made in the last three years in the Industrial Bank and Trust Company, Federal National Bank, Exchange Trust Company and the Atlantic National Bank, also the maximum amount allowed by law to be on deposit at each of these banks; how much money had been taken from city and county employees by the present administration for welfare and what has been done with it; the amount of the taxpayers' money paid to the Mohawk Packing Company under the present administration, the amount paid for all lands acquired by the city in the past three years; how much of the city's money has been paid by the present administration to Matthew Cummings, contractor; and what banks the city's money is now deposited in and the amounts in each.

# CURLEY DENIES BEING NAMED ITALIAN ENVOY

## Makes Plans to Set up Residence in Washington

Reports that Mayor Curley had been appointed ambassador to Italy today were denied by the mayor.

He said: "I have no knowledge of any such appointment."

### PLANS TO GO TO CAPITAL

The mayor, it is known, has been making all arrangements to live in Washington, with the acceptance of a federal appointment, expected from President-elect Roosevelt.

The mayor, furthermore, is expected to resign by March 15, and plans already were under way to designate Joseph McGrath, president of the city council, as the new mayor. That the mayor is entirely frank and honest in his comment on the fact that report today is shown in the fact that all plans are being made in anticipation of appointment to the federal job, and establishment of a permanent residence in Washington.

### LIVING ARRANGEMENTS MADE

Ten days ago, while he was at the national capital the mayor made plans to live there. He has arranged to take his personal chauffeur, Charles E. Manion, to Washington with him. Other arrangements are that he has reported seem to indicate that he expects his aides with be City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan and Superintendent of Supplies Philip A. Chapman.

The mayor steadfastly refused to discuss the resignation reports. His name has been mentioned most frequently with the post of assistant secretary of the treasury, in charge of construction. The Senate on Monday will confirm appointments to this and other places in the so-called "little cabinet."

Should the mayor be named, and Dolan accompany him to Washington, it is believed Dolan would be succeeded by Thomas A. Mullen.

The report of the mayor's appointment as ambassador to Italy was largely discounted at city hall, where it was intimated that Curley does not possess the financial resources required by the position. It was said the post entails annual expenditures of between \$25,000 and \$30,000 beyond the salary received.

### FRIENDS URGE ROOSEVELT TO SEND CURLEY TO ITALY

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Feb. 27 (AP)—Friends of President-elect Roosevelt are advocating selection of Mayor James M. Curley of Boston for the diplomatic

corps as ambassador to Italy. The Boston mayor conferred here last week with Roosevelt. Since then apparently official intimations have been coming from Boston that the mayor is going to Rome.

The reports are neither confirmed nor denied here, but it is recalled that Curley was one of the first Roosevelt supporters in Massachusetts, which sent a delegation to the convention instructed for Alfred E. Smith.

The President-elect emphasized again today that he will make no diplomatic appointments until he has conferred with Senator Hull of Tennessee, his secretary of state.

## CURLEY TO RESIGN OFFICE MARCH 15

### Senate May Confirm Appointment as Ass't Secretary of Treasury Monday

Mayor Curley, it was said yesterday, will resign by March 15 unless the improbable happens and he is not appointed to federal office by President-elect Roosevelt, who is expected to name him assistant secretary of the treasury. If the Senate confirms the expected appointment Monday proceedings will be immediately inaugurated to designate President Joseph McGrath of the city council as the new mayor.

Edmund L. Dolan, city treasurer and the mayor's confidant, is slated to accompany Curley to Washington and it is likely that he will be succeeded by Thomas A. Mullen. In addition it is reported that James T. Purcell will succeed William G. O'Hare as commissioner of penal institutions and that O'Hare will replace James E. Maguire as institutions commissioner.

## WRIT DENIED TO KELLY

### Councilor Would Inspect City Treasurer's Books

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In making his decision Judge Field ruled that the treasurer's books and records are not public records.

Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman said he had received from Councilor Kelly a request for certain information, and that the city treasurer was willing to give him all information he wished within reasonable bounds. However, he said, the first request of Councilor Kelly, in which he asked for all deposits or withdrawals of \$25,000 or more during the last three years, would require several months work and the examination of \$50,000 checks.

The information specifically requested by Councilor Kelly of the city treasurer follows: All deposits and withdrawals of the city the past three years of \$25,000 or more in all banks of the State.

All deposits made the last three years in the Industrial Bank & Trust Company, Federal National Bank, Exchange Trust Company, and Atlantic National Bank, and the maximum amount allowed by law to be on deposit by the city there.

How much money had been taken from city and county employees by the present administration for welfare and what has been done with it?

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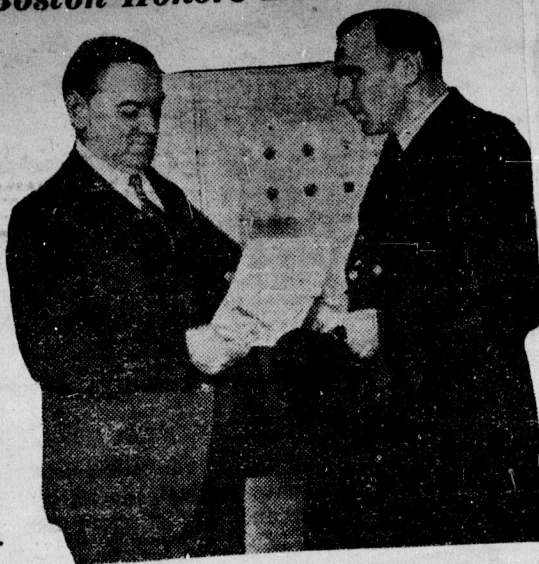


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AMERICAN

## City of Boston Honors Hero Skipper

Mayor James M. Curley, left, shown, yesterday at the City Hall as he presented a testimonial to Capt. G. Chester Stedman, of Quincy, hero skipper of the S.S. American Merchant, who rescued 22 men aboard the sinking S. S. Exeter City last month.



HERALD

## State, City, C. of C. Maritime Bureau Pay Tribute to Capt. Giles Stedman

Tribute in recognition of his heroism and skilful navigation displayed in the rescue on the high seas of the 22 survivors of the crew of the British steamship Exeter City in hurricane weather last Jan. 20, was paid yesterday to Capt. Giles C. Stedman of Quincy, commanding officer of the S.S. American Merchant, by the state of Massachusetts, the city of Boston and the maritime association of the chamber of commerce.

The state seal was presented to Capt. Stedman by DeWitt C. DeWolf at the State House yesterday morning, while at the City Hall he received a key to the city of Boston from Mayor Curley. At the testimonial luncheon in his honor at the chamber of commerce yesterday noon under the auspices of the maritime association of the chamber of commerce, men of national and local prominence congratulated him.

Signifying the appreciation and pride of his fellow-citizens of Quincy, Mayor Charles A. Ross of Quincy presented Capt. Stedman with a beautifully polished ball of Quincy marble. He received from Capt. Joseph I. Kemp, president of the Boston Marine Society, on behalf of the members, a pair of binoculars, and from the Boston Maritime Association a ship's clock, the presentation of which was made by Gerrit Fort, chairman, who presided at the luncheon and introduced the speakers.

Among those men who spoke at the luncheon, praising Capt. Stedman, were Mayor Curley, Morgan T. Ryan, registrar of motor vehicles, who represented Gov. Ely, T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the United States shipping board, and Rear-Admiral Louis M. Nulton, U. S. N., commandant of the first naval district.

In expressing his thanks for the honors bestowed upon him, Capt. Stedman shared all credit for his deed with the members of his crew.

Tomorrow, as co-guest with John Benson, president of the American Association of Advertising Agencies, Capt. Stedman will be honored at the regular luncheon of the Ad Club. On March 4, Quincy will honor him by declaring that day "Stedman day."

### WANTS NO PUBLIC BLDG. CALLED AFTER HIM

Capt. Giles C. Stedman, who as master of the freighter American Banker rescued the crew of the sinking Exeter City in mid-Atlantic Jan. 20, requests that no school or other public building in Quincy be named after him in a 27-word letter received yesterday by Mayor Charles A. Ross.

"I fully appreciate the compliments or any honors to be given me by the city," he wrote from New York, Feb. 25. "I do not wish to have any public building bear my name."

Following Capt. Stedman's feat, which led to his appointment as staff captain of the Leviathan, Quincy residents urged that a school be named after him. The school committee tabled a motion to that effect, but admirers of the 35-year old captain then made the suggestion that some other municipal building bear his name.

Capt. Stedman, who is now visiting his family in Quincy while on a month's furlough, will address 6000 Quincy school children Friday, during visits to three junior high schools and the senior high school. Saturday will be Stedman day. He will return to New York March 11.

## MAYOR 'CZAR,' KELLY TELLS LEGISLATORS

### Councillor Speaks for the Measures to Change Charter

Powers given the mayor of Boston equal those of a czar, it was declared today by City Councillor Francis E. Kelly of Dorchester before the legislative committee on cities.

Kelly was urging the committee to report favorably on bills giving the city council power to confirm appointments and removals by the mayor, authority to pass measures over the mayor's veto and to make the terms of the mayor and council concurrent with no restriction against a mayor succeeding himself. CALLED "NEVT MAYOR"

Before appearing before the committee, Kelly had lost his fight in supreme court for an order to compel City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan to allow inspection of the city treasurer's records.

When Kelly, before the Legislative committee, volunteered the information that this is his last term in the council, Rep. William H. Doyle of Malden, referred to Kelly as "the next mayor of Boston."

"Thank you," said Kelly. Kelly contended that the powers given the mayor are too great and said the Legislature was responsible for this condition and should take steps to remedy it.

### "MINORITY MAYORS"

Rep. Lewis R. Sullivan of Dorchester, in favor of the charter changes, claimed that the present system of elections is unfair to the people of Boston. He cited figures to show that most of the councillors were elected by minorities.

Former Mayor Nichols, he said, only received 64,472 votes out of total vote cast of 180,562. He urged non-partisan run-offs with the two highest men standing for election.

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## Considered Well Equipped For Embassy at Rome

By DAVID BARTLETT

WASHINGTON, Feb 28—If Mayor Curley of Boston felt at all disappointed in the announcement of Senator Swanson's appointment as Secretary of the Navy, it seems very likely that Mr Curley will be consoled with the embassy at Rome, for which he is considered entirely fitted through his knowledge of Italian affairs and his acquaintance with Premier Mussolini and the Pope. These considerations are believed to have prompted Mr Roosevelt to select him for this post. The Mayor's friends consider him one of the best-read men in public life.

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### I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF APPOINTMENT," CURLEY

When asked at City Hall today for a confirmation of the report that Presi-

dent-Elect Roosevelt has chosen him for the position of Ambassador to Rome, Mayor Curley replied: "I have no knowledge of the appointment."

### CURLEY BACKED BY ROOSEVELT'S FRIENDS

HYDE PARK, N Y, Feb 27 (A. P.)—Friends of President-elect Roosevelt are advocating selection of Mayor James M. Curley of Boston for the diplomatic corps as Ambassador to Italy.

The Boston Mayor conferred here last week with Mr Roosevelt. Since then, apparently, official intimations have been coming from Boston that the Mayor is going to Rome.

The reports are neither confirmed nor denied here, but it is recalled that Curley was one of the first Roosevelt supporters in Massachusetts, which sent a delegation to the convention instructed for Alfred E. Smith.

The President-elect emphasized again today that he will make no diplomatic appointments until he has conferred with Senator Hull of Tennessee, his Secretary of State.

bers of candidates split the vote.

In the opinion of Mr Sullivan, the municipal election provisions of the present charter were "forced down the throat" of the voters. He suggested that if the legislation is favorably acted upon it be submitted to the people for approval. The Sullivan bill was favored by Representative Frank J. McFarland of Dorchester and City Councillor Thomas Burke of Boston.

Representative Sullivan also urged favorable action on his bill to change the present system of electing members of the Boston School Committee whereby a board of seven would be elected by districts instead of a board of five elected at large, as at present.

The Representative contended that the people have no control of the schools and no contact with members of the School Committee under the existing law. He charged that although the School Committee members receive no salaries, their campaign expenses amount to several thousand dollars.

Opposing the Sullivan bill to change the election of School Committee members M. J. Downey of the Boston School Committee recorded that body in opposition.

### Another Bill for Primaries

Andrew J. Gleason spoke for his bill for nomination by preliminary municipal elections of candidates for Mayor and City Council. He said it was similar to other measures before the committee and that passage of the proposed legislation would mean that those elected really would have been elected by a majority vote.

City Councillor Francis E. Kelly of Boston urged his bill to provide that the Boston City Council be authorized to pass appropriation measures, ordinances and certain votes over the veto of the Mayor. Another of his bills provided that removal of officials by the Mayor of Boston be confirmed by the City Council, while the third bill provided that the term of the Mayor of Boston be for two years.

Arguing for these bills, Councillor Kelly declared that the term of the Mayor and Councillors should be made concurrent. He further asserted that the Mayor of Boston has "too much power" and also that the City Council of Boston should have certain powers which other City Councils in the country possess.

Councillor Kelly said that he would "probably never be a Council candidate again" and declared that this showed he had no personal motive in his arguments. He further stated that he had no objection to the attachment of a referendum to any of his bills, providing that the referendum did not make them inoperative at the next election.

### TRANSCRIPT Rumor Curley to Be Ambassador to Italy But No Confirmation of Report Has Been Received by Boston Mayor

Mayor Curley as ambassador to Italy is the latest report of his political fortunes to be received at City Hall. It came through a newspaper agency and was received by the mayor with every evidence of pleasure. Mayor Curley failed in his efforts to confirm the report, which quickly spread through City Hall and was received with satisfaction by the city employees.

### CITY PRIMARIES IN BOSTON URGED

### Representative Sullivan Is Heard by Legislators

The bill of Representative Lewis R. Sullivan of Boston for municipal primaries in Boston was heard today by the Legislative Committee on Cities. Mr Sullivan said that the election of Ex-Mayor Nichols by 64,492 votes in the total of 180,562 cast showed that Mr Nichols was "a minority Mayor, because he got the position on a vote of 35 percent of the total vote cast."

It was further asserted by Mr Sullivan that a majority of those elected to the City Council received less than one-half of the total vote cast in their respective wards, due to the fact that with only one election held large num-



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# CAPT GILES STEDMAN PROVES MODEST HERO

## Accepts Boston Tribute For Rescuing British Crew in Mid-Ocean on Behalf of Every Man in His Crew



MAYOR CURLEY GIVES KEY TO CITY TO CAPT STEDMAN

Seamen, no matter what their nationality, love the sea, Capt Giles C. Stedman, hero of a thrilling rescue in the Atlantic, told 500 persons who assembled at the Chamber of Commerce Building yesterday to honor him.

"I want to remind you," said the gallant captain, "that every man who goes to sea, no matter how dearly he may love his native city and his country, has another country—the sea. And every man of the sea, whenever any fellow countryman of the sea is in danger, will always go to his aid."

Capt Stedman told modestly and briefly of the rescue of the steamer Exeter City by the steamer American Merchant of which he was master.

"In the rescue of the Exeter City men I believe that Divine Providence had a hand," he said. "And I want to point out that no one man could have made the rescue. It was team work and I accept this tribute for every man of my crew."

The affair to honor Capt Stedman was arranged by the Maritime Association of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and was attended by many notables, including Mayor Curley, the British Consul, George B. Beak, Rear Admiral Louis M. Nulton, commandant Charlestown Navy Yard; T. V. O'Connor, chairman United States Shipping Board; Mayor Charles A. Ross of Quincy, Capt Stedman's native city; Morgan Ryan, representing Gov Ely; Wilfred W. Lufkin, collector

of the port of Boston, and Lieut Col Richard Park, War Department district engineer.

With Capt Stedman were his two sisters and H. L. Winslow, chief officer of the Leviathan, of which, since his retirement from the rescue ship American Merchant, Capt Stedman has been made staff captain.

The Maritime Association of the Chamber of Commerce presented Capt Stedman a ship's clock, the Boston Marine Society gave him binoculars, and Mayor Ross on behalf of the city of Quincy presented a replica of the granite ball in front of Quincy City Hall.

Before the affair at the Chamber of Commerce restaurant Capt Stedman visited the State House, and in the Executive Chambers had a pin bearing the seal of the Commonwealth attached to the lapel of his coat by DeWitt C. DeWolf, secretary to Gov Ely. Mr DeWolf expressed regret that the Governor had not reached the State House from his home at Westfield.

When the captain called on Mayor Curley at City Hall he was presented the key of the city and Chairman O'Connor of the Shipping Board, who was with the captain, was given a blackthorn cane by the Mayor.

Capt Stedman is to be given a big reception in Quincy Saturday. He made it plain yesterday he did not want to have any public building named after him. In a letter to Mayor Ross he said: "I appreciate the compliment from those who seek to honor me. I do not wish to have any public building bear my name."

# USUAL HOLIDAY FOR CHILDREN

## Evacuation Day Plans Are Changed by Marshal

South Boston's 8000 public school children will not lose their annual holiday on March 17 after all. Chief Marshal Joseph P. Madden held a conference with Michael Curley of the Public Celebrations Committee at City Hall this morning and it was planned to have two shows for the children, as has been the custom in past years. The shows will be in the morning on March 17.

The chief marshal also has changed other plans. It was brought to his attention that in advancing the date of the parade to the 18th and also the shows for the children on that day, March 17 would be left without an official observance by the committee.

Following a conference with Mayor Curley today, another change was announced in the general features for the celebration. The historic exercises, which in years past always have been the opening event in the program, this year will bring the activities to a close. The exercises instead of being held on March 12, as previously was arranged, will be held on March 19, the Sunday following Evacuation Day.

These latest changes result in the following arrangement for the observance of the day: The opening event will be the banquet of the South Boston Evacuation Day Committee. This will be at the Hotel Bradford March 16. The shows and patriotic exercises for the children in the two South Boston theatres the morning of March 17. The street parade Saturday afternoon, March 18, and the public historic exercises on Sunday evening, March 19.

The committee has an essay contest under way among the school children of the district as another feature of the observance. The essays are to be in the hands of the judges by Saturday of this week.

Chief Marshal Madden will confer with the Boston School Committee tomorrow and ask that South Boston schools be closed on March 17, as in years past, and that all South Boston students attending schools outside South Boston be included in the holiday.



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1929 when Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher decided to retire from the diplomatic service.

As ambassador to Italy, Curley and his family presumably will occupy the magnificent embassy home in Rome which was purchased by the government for Garrett in 1931 at a cost of 21,000,000 lire or a little more than \$1,000,000.

The site formerly belonged to King Victor Emmanuel. It was part of the property given by him to the Queen Mother Margherita when Emmanuel ascended the throne in 1900.

#### FRIEND OF RULERS

The property consists of two villas and a beautiful park, the whole about 2½ acres fencing on the new boulevard, Via Veneto, in the heart of Rome. One villa is used as the embassy and consulate headquarters, the other as residence of the ambassador. The Fascist party had intended locating its headquarters there before it was bought by the United States.

One of the principal reasons for the Curley appointment, it is understood, is his friendship with the Italian dictator, the king and Pope Pius XI, all of whom gave him warm welcome during his trip abroad in 1931.

The mayor always has been a great friend and champion of the Italian-speaking people and a great favorite with them, here and abroad.

#### WON HIGH HONOR

In 1930, Italy bestowed upon him the order of Commander of the Crown of Italy, the highest decoration within the province of the government to bestow upon a foreigner. The mayor wears the symbol of the decoration in his lapel daily.

He has been in great demand as a speaker before Italian-American organizations in various parts of the country and probably no citizen of the United States could carry more of the Italian people's good will to the ambassadorship than Boston's present mayor.

#### MAY RESIGN MARCH 15

The mayor, it is expected, will resign as head of the city administration next week or by March 15 at the latest and sail within a month for Italy.

Immediately after his appointment goes to the Senate and is ratified, probably next Monday, steps will be taken for the succession of City Council President Joseph McGrath to the mayoralty.

During the time he was considered likely the mayor would receive an appointment to Washington, it was reported City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan would resign his municipal position to accompany Curley to the capitol, and that he would be succeeded by Thomas A. Mullen. Whether Dolan will take some position in the Italian embassy, neither he nor the mayor would discuss.



#### CURLEYS' "HOME" IN ROME

This is the new million-dollar embassy the United States purchased in Rome. The site formerly belonged to King Victor Emmanuel. It is here that Mayor Curley, as ambassador to Italy, and his family will reside.

#### TRAVELER KELLY CITY PROBE PETITION DENIED

#### Plea to Inspect Treasurer's Records Dismissed

Judge Fred T. Field in the supreme court today dismissed the petition brought by City Councilman Francis E. Kelly of Dorchester seeking a mandamus writ to compel City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan and Assistant City Treasurer Horton G. Ide to allow him to inspect the books and records of the city treasurer's office. Kelly took an exception to the full bench.

Judge Field ruled that such books and records are not public records.

Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman said he had received from Councilman Kelly a request for 11 pieces of information since the agreement made in court a week ago that the city treasurer was willing to give him what information he wished within reasonable bounds, and that the first bit of information asked for all deposits or withdrawals of \$25,000 or more the past three years would require several months of work and the examination of 850,000 checks.



# HIS FLAG WAITS HIM IN ROME



This photograph of Mayor Curley was taken on November 12, 1930, when, to mark the 438th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus, Mayor Curley sent this beautiful silk city of Boston flag to Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy. The mayor had the flag on display in his office for a month (following Columbus Day) and shipped it on the day above. Boston American photo.)

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# MAYOR GOING TO ROME BY MARCH 15, REPORT

Wins Ambassadorship Because a Friend of King, Pope, Duce

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Mayor James M. Curley, who led the Roosevelt campaign in Massachusetts and spoke throughout the nation, will be appointed United States ambassador to Italy, the Boston Evening American was informed by authoritative sources in both New York and Washington today.

His appointment may be expected to be announced by President-elect Roosevelt by Monday.

The post, which is one of the most important of all the foreign portfolio positions, is one for which Mayor Curley is eminently qualified by friendship with Mussolini, the Italian dictator; King Victor Emmanuel and the Pope.

## MAYOR STILL SILENT

Appointment of Mayor Curley to the Italian ambassadorship has been unofficially urged in Italy and by thousands of Italian-American families in the United States, but the post was generally overlooked in the general speculation associated with President-elect Roosevelt's intentions.

It previously had been rumored the mayor would be named Secretary of the Navy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy or Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Even this afternoon, Mayor Curley professed to be without definite knowledge of his choice to carry the new administration's portfolio to Italy.

"I have no knowledge of the appointment," he said at City Hall.

## IN \$1,000,000 HOME

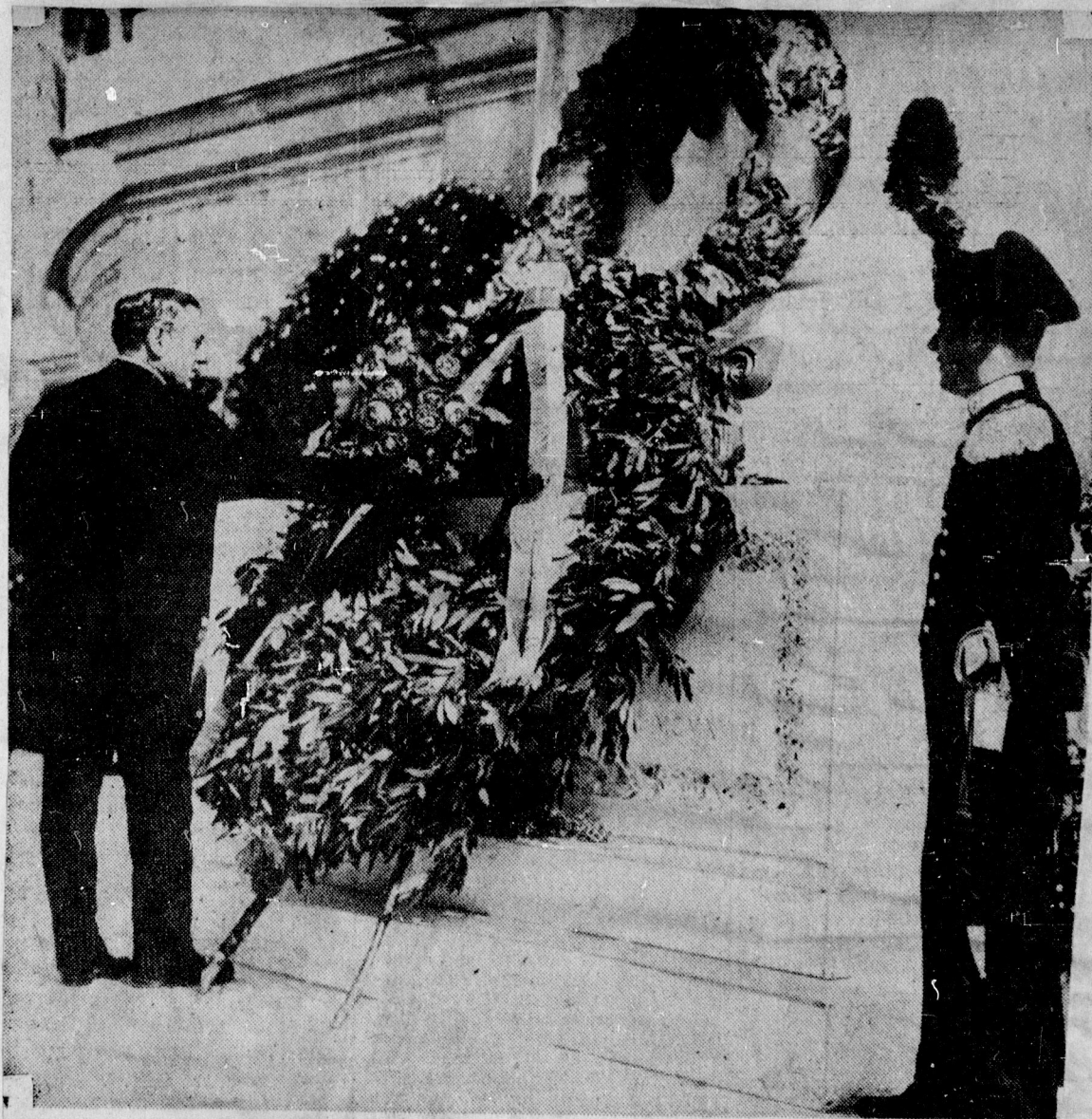
Advices to this paper were authentic, however.

The mayor will succeed James W. Garrett of Baltimore, the present ambassador who was appointed by President Hoover in



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CURLEY PLACES WREATH ON ITALY'S UNKNOWN SOLDIER'S GRAVE



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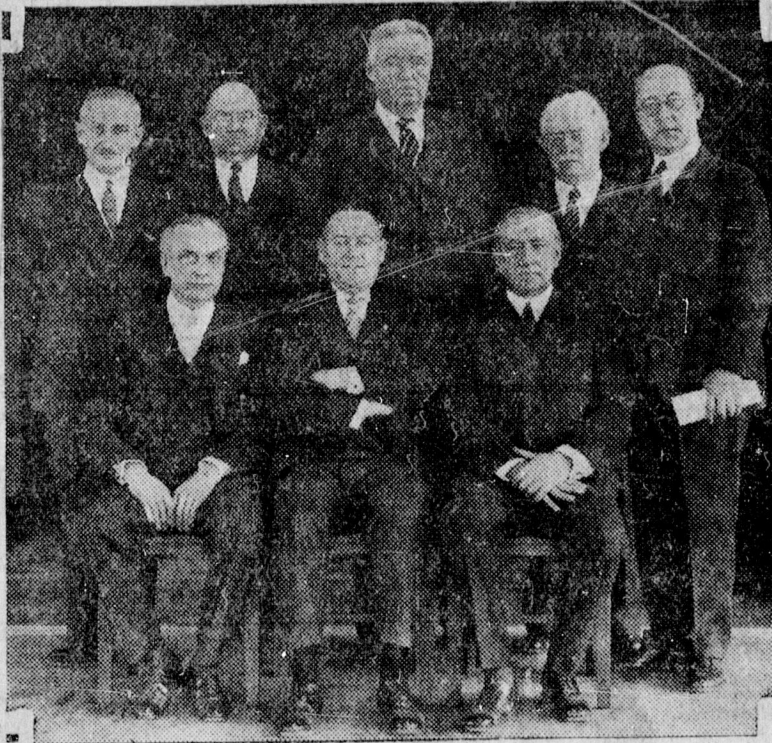
#### MAYOR BACK TO ROMAN SCENES HE LOVED

When Mayor Curley reaches Rome as United States ambassador, he will be back amid the scenes he loved when visiting Rome in 1931. He is here shown before the Coliseum—in front of the Forum. He delighted to browse about where ancient history was made. On

the left the mayor is bowing in reverence as he places a wreath on the tomb of Italy's Unknown Soldier in Rome in June, 1931. The mayor at that time was a visitor with a party to Rome, but little thought then he would return there as America's ambassador. (I.N.P.)



## Seventh White Fund Health Unit Opened



Group at the dedicatory exercises today marking the opening of the Seventh George Robert White Fund Health Unit. Left to right, rear: Dr. Charles F. Willinsky, deputy health commissioner; Francis V. Bulfinch; Francis X. Mahoney, health commissioner; Matthew Cummings; Gen. E. L. Logan, manager of the fund. Front, Dr. Shirley W. Wynne, health commissioner, New York; president of the Boston City Council, Joseph McGrath and Robert G. Dodge, president, Boston Bar Association.

### Dedication Exercises Held in New Centre on Whittier Street in Roxbury with Many City and State Officials Present

Dedicatory exercises today marked the acceptance of the seventh health unit to be erected in the city of Boston from the income of the George Robert White fund. The new unit, located on Whittier street, Roxbury, is a four-story, handsome building of Georgian architecture.

At the exercises attending the dedication, the manager of the White fund, Gen. Edward L. Logan, presided. Following the invocation by the Rev. William T. Deasy, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, the keys of the new edifice were turned over to the trustees of the fund. Then one of the trustees, Robert G. Dodge, president of the Boston Bar Association, officially presented the unit to the city of Boston.

President Joseph McGrath of the city council, representing Mayor Curley, responded for the city and addressed the

gathering of officials and guests, dwelling at length on the tremendous good accomplished by the six units already in operation and citing the need for even more health units.

He paid glowing tribute to the memory of the man who made the erection of such units possible by the generous terms of his will.

Dr. Francis X. Mahoney, health commissioner, city of Boston; Dr. Charles Willinsky, deputy health commissioner in charge of health units, and Richard Gleason, member of the Boston city council, also addressed the gathering in the unit auditorium.

Dr. Shirley W. Wynne, health commissioner for the city of New York, delivered the dedicatory address and complimented Boston upon the splendid arrangement of the health units, and told of the methods employed in New York. The Rev. D. Leroy Ferguson, pastor of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, pronounced benediction.

## PLANS RING FIGHTS FOR UNEMPLOYED

### Mayor Endorses Glove Carnival at Arena, March 13

BY DOC ALMY

Promoter Eddie Mack of the Argonne is planning one of the greatest fistic carnivals ever staged in this city—a charity event in the interests of the unemployed—set for the night of March 13, at the Boston Arena.

The show has both the good will and endorsement of Mayor Curley, as 50 per cent of the proceeds is to go to the fund for the jobless which he has sponsored in this city.

### FIVE BOUTS ON CARD

It is the promoter's plan to stage five bouts, each of 10 rounds, between leading New England ringsters—a plan which embraces one or two championships.

The card, to which Mack has set his shoulders, includes contests between Kid Cocoa, recent victor over Louis "Kid" Kaplan, and consequently a rival claimant of Andy Callahan to the N. E. lightweight title, and George Salvadore of Oak Bluffs; Dutch Leonard, Walham, vs. Mickey Bishop, Stoughton; Tony Shucco, Boston, vs. Norman Conrad, Wilton, N. H., for the N. E. light heavyweight title, held by the latter; Honey Melody, Charlestown, vs. Fidel Labarba or Tommy Paul, and Sammy Slaughter, Terre Haute, vs. Lou Brouillard or Johnny Indrisano.

Such is the programme as outlined on paper, and it is a beauty in every respect. Getting such a card together—dealing with the boxers and their managers, to say nothing of various affiliations—shapes itself as a huge contract. It means the expenditure of time, patience and money, with very little glory in the offing.

Promoter Mack, however, has the equipment and experience to go through, and, while he may be forced by circumstances to change his proposed card around somewhat, cash customers who are willing to part with from \$1 to \$3 to see an evening of hard ring fighting, should see exactly that.

The active campaign in behalf of the carnival will start this morning, and will have all the support that various angles of publicity and co-operation can give it.



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# No Letter Today?

